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## New concern raised about library plan

possible cost to the development agency has council members

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

**EL CERRITO** — The cost to build a new library within an existing complex on Fairmount Avenue is becoming an increasing concern for Redevelopment Agency chair Mark Friedman and agency member Gina Mori.

than \$5.1 million on the project, it may affect other redevelopment priorities, according to a staff report. In addition, it may fall on the city's general fund or new voter-approved city taxes to pay for an increase in library operating costs.

An estimate of how much it would cost the redevelopment agency to build the library has not been made public, though staff members have said the preliminary cost is "roughly comparable" to a library built on its own.

"I'm not at all as comfortable with the library concept as I was

before," said Brusatori, at the agency's Monday meeting.

Nevertheless, the redevelopment board, which is made up of the City Council members, unanimously voted to negotiate an agreement to construct the library and then purchase it from developer Concrete Action LLC.

Agency member Sandi Potter said she was in support of mixed-use buildings, and partnerships between private developers and the redevelopment agency.

"I think it would be prudent to explore this project and work out potential environmental or traffic impacts if possible and so-

licit public input," Potter said.

On April 7, the planning commission approved a use permit for Concrete Action to build 24 housing units, four live/work units and at least 9,000 square feet of commercial space at what is now an empty office building at 6420 Fairmount Ave. Behind a wall in the back of the building is El Cerrito Plaza; the El Cerrito Plaza BART station is located about a block and a half east.

The project was awaiting the city's design review board approval on Wednesday, April 21.

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## ATHLETIC FIELDS FOREVER?



**ROGER CARLSEN**, Rich McClure, and Doug Fielding stand in the parking lot next to the entrance of Golden Gate Fields where Gilman Street dead ends on the Berkeley shoreline. These men are part of a group that has been working to get ball fields built where the lot now stands.

## Duo committed to protest

El Cerrito pair's protest

unsolicited CDs attacking with legislation by assembly woman

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

**EL CERRITO** — It started as one night in the summer of 2001, batted around by two who were annoyed with America Online CD-ROMs kept coming in the mail. They should do something about it, they thought. What if they were getting these discs in-

stantly after El Cerrito resident John Lieberman and Jim McKenna got their idea, it was "six or seven minutes" of work before they had created their Web site, [nomorealcds.com](http://nomorealcds.com), and the link to family and friends. Discs began arriving at McKenna's doorstep the next

day. The result, he said, is the most and ugliest petition in the city. Their goal is to amass 1 million discs, drive them to AOL's corporate headquarters in Virginia and drop them at the company's doorstep. They've collected about 280,000 discs so far, most of which are housed in 26 gallon garbage cans in Lieberman's backyard.

"I've never been involved in protests or anything like that before," said Lieberman, a 34-year-old information technology worker. "I think it was just one of those things: It was the right thing at the right time."

At Lieberman's home, the discs never stop coming, though the amount varies from about 10 to 20 a day to thousands a day. Scores of manila envelopes and brown boxes filled with AOL discs sit in his basement, waiting to be opened and counted. More packages sit in his living room and on his porch. Discs come from all over the world; a German affiliate has collected 60,000, said Lieberman.

The message Lieberman and McKenna want to send, is that they mean no harm to the company itself, the



**JOHN LIEBERMAN** of El Cerrito, holds some of the hundreds of thousands of AOL discs that he has collected and temporarily stores in his backyard to protest the company's waste in El Cerrito.

discs are annoying and wasteful.

"This particular marketing practice, it's ineffective and wasteful and very annoying to lots of people and we want them

to cut this out," Lieberman said. "I hope they (AOL) realize we're serious about the goal but we do this with a sense of humor."

Lieberman and McKenna are

also working with Assemblywoman Loni Hancock on AB2166, a bill she drafted that

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## Unique alliance nears its goal of new sports fields

■ A member of an athletic group believes three to five sports sites could exist by 2006 on the Berkeley waterfront

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

**BERKELEY** — In the late afternoon, at a parking lot just south of Golden Gate Fields at Gilman Street and Frontage Road, it's cool and breezy, with the setting sun glittering over the Bay.

There's little to suggest, looking at the paved lot, that children and adults could eventually play organized sports on grassy fields there, but athletic and environmental organizations, cities and the East Bay Regional Park District are collaborating to make it happen.

From the athletic organiza-

tions, Berkeley resident Doug Fielding, Albany resident Roger Carlsen, El Cerrito resident Greg Lyman and Oakland resident Rich McClure have been lobbying for the cause for years. Fielding believes three to five such fields could see use by spring 2006.

And athletic organizations in the area are hungry for more sports fields.

Twenty-three fields with slots allocated by the Association of Sport Field Users in Berkeley and Albany are booked all the way through September, said Fielding, the chairman of that group.

So when he heard about land potentially opening up along the Berkeley waterfront that could be transformed into sports fields, he had one response:

"Thanks, I'll get right on it,"

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## Anderman to retire as public works head

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

**ALBANY** — Roger Anderman, who has been public works manager for more than four years, will retire May 2.

"Roger's departure will be a loss to Albany because of his dedication, valuable know-how and creativity in getting things done and abilities in managing a variety of projects and personnel," wrote community development director Ann Chaney, in a report to the City Council.

Before becoming public works manager Anderman was the manager of the Solano Avenue

improvement project.

William Algire will be the city's interim public works manager until at least October, due to Anderman's retirement.

At its April 19 meeting, the council unanimously agreed to enter into a contract agreement with Algire that will end Oct. 31.

Algire, an engineer, was director of engineering and transportation in San Leandro and deputy director of public works in Hayward. Among his duties will be to assist with the recruitment of a permanent manager.

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## Albertson's closes supermarket on Macdonald Avenue

By Rebecca Rosen Lum  
STAFF WRITER

**RICHMOND** — Albertson's Inc. is pulling a third store from the city. The latest casualty is a 34,000-square-foot market on San Pablo Avenue at Macdonald Avenue.

Steve Duran, director of Richmond's office of community and economic development, said that Anthony Carrico, who owns the block the store stands on, would not agree to allow the market to expand. The industry trend is to-

ward mega-stores that offer pharmacies, delis, bakeries, book sections, coffee vendors, video rentals and florists.

Carrico also owns Hacienda restaurant, which is next to the supermarket. Calls to Albertson's media department and real estate manager, Ron Henry, were not returned.

A nearby Safeway store has purchased the Albertson's pharmacy, which it will house in a trailer while a ground-up reno-

vation is under way, Duran said.

The Idaho-based chain closed its 17,300-square-foot Valley View Road store in January 2002, and another in September 2003 near Hilltop mall. Albertson's officials at the time said the stores were "underperforming."

Three Albertson's markets remain in West County: one on Fitzgerald Drive in Pinole, another at the El Cerrito Plaza shopping center and a third in the San Pablo Town Centre.

But shoppers questioned at the San Pablo Avenue store voiced frustration, saying the markets are too far away and too crowded.

"They did the same thing in Oakland," said Cynthia Poole, who was at the store to shop for her parents, both 80 years old. "With these stores closing, I end up running all over to get them what they need. I'm exhausted."

Felipe Fagaro said few other supermarkets sell the ethnic foods

he likes, such as "gandules," also known as "pigeon peas."

"It seems like they're closing a lot of stores in poorer neighborhoods," he said. "It's sad, and it makes it really hard."

Recent studies show that as grocery chains have absorbed smaller markets, they have also pulled out of areas with sizable poor or minority populations.

Duran said there simply is not

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## SHARE YOUR OPINION

The Journal is looking for readers to share their views about community issues via e-mail for a new feature — Talkback.

We are inviting readers of all ages to be part of a network of Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington residents willing to comment occasionally on local issues and concerns.

Opinions, along with your name, city of residence, and photo, will be printed in the column.

To participate, e-mail your name, address and phone number to [journal@cetimes.com](mailto:journal@cetimes.com).

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## National Library Week events set

On Saturday, April 24, there will be two events held at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., to celebrate National Library Week. A National Library Week reception, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library and the Albany Library Board, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Following that, the San Francisco theater group Word for Word will present The Wonderful Story of Zaal at 3 p.m. The event is for all ages.

For more information, call 510-526-3720.

## Help plan Albany centennial

The Albany historic group is seeking volunteers to help plan Albany's 2008 centennial celebration and a historical book. Regarding the book, help is needed to research areas of interest such as early history, the waterfront, youth groups, businesses, education, government, early families, transportation, libraries and more. Assistance is also being sought in identifying photographs, cataloging, writing and editing.

Help is also needed to organize events, promotions, presentations and exhibits for the city's centennial celebration in 2008. The historic group will meet Saturday, May 1 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave. For more information, call Jewel Okawachi at 510-527-5583.

## YMCA garage sale is April 24

The 12th annual Albany YMCA garage sale will be held Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The YMCA is located at 921 Kains Ave. For more information, call 510-525-1130.

## Angela Mason to speak to Soroptimists

Angela Mason, an award-winning speaker and "ambassador to children in crisis" with the organization World Vision, will speak at a wine and cheese reception for Soroptimist International in Albany on May 6.

The event, which will include refreshments and live music by Healing Muses, will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Northbrae Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley.

Mason will discuss stories of women in places of conflict throughout the world. World Vision is an international relief and development organization.

There's a \$5 suggested donation. Reservations are preferred and can be made by calling 510-524-6308.

## El Cerrito

## Earth Day participation invited

EL CERRITO — Residents are invited to join the city's Earth Day celebrations, which will begin with work parties throughout the city at 9 a.m. and end with a free barbecue lunch at noon at the community center, 7007 Moers Lane.

This year's Earth Day will focus on the Ohlone Greenway, in addition to school and neighborhood park projects.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for a location by calling Janet Abelson at 510-525-7709 or by e-mail at earthday@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us. A name, address, phone number and work site preference is requested.

## Meeting set on high school reconstruction

The West Contra Costa Unified School District will hold a community meeting to discuss plans for the reconstruction of El Cerrito High School. Topics to be discussed include the schematic plans for the school, the transitional campus master plan, construction process and timeline. The meeting will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 27 at the high school's Little Theater, 540 Ashbury Ave. For details call 510-412-5657.

## Berkeley

## Pier closed during deck dismantling

The observation deck at the Berkeley pier, constructed over the restrooms in 1974, was being torn down this week, resulting in closure of the pier. The deck was judged unsafe due to severe dry-rot found in the deck and supporting beams. City engineers decided it must be demolished for safety reasons. Replacement of the structure will cost approximately \$230,000, which the city hopes to raise through grants. Demolition was not expected to last longer than this week.

## CORRECTION

A headline on page A12 of the April 16 Journal was incorrect. It should have said "Removal of controversial mural postponed for further study."

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## ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

## Tuesday, April 13

■ **AUTO STOLEN** — Shortly before 1 a.m. a resident in the 700 block of Stannage Avenue reported that thieves had stolen her black '99 Toyota Corolla. She saw it last at about 10 p.m. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO STOLEN, RECOVERED** — During the night thieves stole a white '94 Ford Taurus in the 1000 block of Cornell Avenue. Berkeley police located it on April 16. It was not damaged and they did not have anyone in custody. The owner was notified.

■ **THEFT** — During the night thieves stole items out of an unlocked white '95 Toyota SW parked in the 400 block of Stannage Avenue.

■ **CON ARTIST** — At about 10:30 a.m. a bank in the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that about 10 minutes prior a customer had been swindled out of \$2,500 while outside the bank. The male con artist, about 30 years old and a female adult with him were gone when officers arrived.

■ **MOTORCYCLE LOCATED** — El Cerrito police reported locating a black '88 Yamaha motorcycle that had been stolen from Albany. They did not have anyone in custody and the owner arrived to receive the bike.

■ **BIKES STOLEN** — A resident in the 1100 block of Solano Avenue reported that thieves had stolen three bicycles from underneath a deck.

■ **ACCIDENT** — Officers arrested a 16-year-old El Cerrito boy who was involved in an accident in the 900 block of Cornell Avenue when it was learned that he was driving without a driver's license. He was cited and released to his parent with a notice to appear.

## Wednesday, April 14

■ **PAROLE VIOLATIONS** — At about 1 a.m. officers responded to a call from a bartender in the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue regarding a customer who was possibly under the influence and causing a disturbance. They arrested the 28-year-old Albany man for drug charges and parole violations.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — Officers stopped a black Toyota near Marin and Ordway Avenues for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 27-year-old Windsor man, when he was found to have outstanding warrants from Sonoma County for driving with a suspended license and failure to appear.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Thieves stole a bike from a residence in the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue.

■ **STRONG-ARM ROBBERY** — At about 6 p.m. a man reported that while in the 1000 block of Kains Avenue he was the victim of a strong-arm robbery. He last saw the three subjects heading south toward Berkeley. Officers contacted a 19-year-old Richmond man near El Cerrito Plaza who matched the description of one of the subjects. He was arrested for robbery and conspiracy. He was transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **VANDALISM** — At about 9:30 p.m. a resident in the 500 block of Masonic Avenue reported that about 30 minutes prior vandals had thrown rocks through the windshield of his silver '96 Toyota pickup.

## Thursday, April 15

■ **DUI** — Shortly before 1 a.m. officers arrested a 30-year-old Albany man driving a green '95 Toyota 4-runner near Talbot and Marin avenues.

He was cited for DUI.

■ **BREAK-IN** — During the night, while the resident was asleep, thieves broke into her residence in the 900 block of Evelyn Avenue and stole items.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Thieves stole a 24 speed Torelli bike from an unlocked garage in the 500 block of Madison Street.

■ **HONDA LOCATED** — Officers located a black '93 Honda Civic that had been stolen out of Oakland on April 14. They did not have anyone in custody and the owner was notified.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Thieves stole a bike from a garage in the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — A resident in the 600 block of Jackson Street reported that thieves had stolen his girlfriend's black '99 Honda Civic. There were no witnesses.

## Friday, April 16

■ **SATURN STOLEN** — During the night thieves stole a green '94 Saturn parked in the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 7 a.m. officers responded to reports that occupants of a white '89 Ford van in a parking lot in the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue were possibly doing drugs. Officers arrested a 30-year-old El Cerrito man for an outstanding warrant for failure to appear. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — During the night thieves stole a blue '91 Honda Accord while it was parked in the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue.

■ **TOYOTA FOUND** — CHP officers reported locating a white '91 Toyota Camry that had been stolen from the

500 block of Pierce Street. It was not damaged and the owner was notified.

## Saturday, April 17

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — About 10 a.m. officers responded to a call from a resident in the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue who appeared to be intoxicated. They arrested the 28-year-old Albany man for disorderly conduct. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

## Sunday, April 18

■ **DUI** — At about 2:30 a.m. officers stopped a silver van near Marin and Virginia avenues for driving. They arrested the 28-year-old Albany man for DUI, driving with a license and speeding, and released with a notice to appear.

## Weekly summary

During the week of April 12-18, officers towed three cars to 17 false alarms, attended to 17 false alarms, attended to 40 reports of barking dogs and four people who were in their house or car. In the arena officers attended to 13 calls for custody exchange, responded to 17 civil disturbances and 135 calls for assistance.

Officers stopped 57 vehicles, issued 30 citations and warnings. Albany firefighters responded to six emergencies.

couple also allegedly possessed credit cards belonging to the resident, according to police.

## Tuesday, April 19

■ **COUNTERFEIT ARREST** — Richmond residents — a 24-year-old woman and a 25-year-old man — were arrested on suspicion of trying to use counterfeit money. They were arrested at Staples at 10:30 a.m. and taken to the county jail.

## EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

## Wednesday, April 7

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1996 Honda Accord was taken from the 800 block of Liberty Street between 11:30 p.m. on April 7 and 9:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1980 Honda Accord was stolen from the 6600 block of Potrero Avenue sometime between 9:35 p.m. on April 7 and 11 a.m. the next day.

## Thursday, April 8

■ **BURGLARY** — A portable air compressor was taken from a garage on the 5300 block of Poinsett Avenue sometime between 8 a.m. on April 8 and 7:20 p.m. on April 10.

## Friday, April 9

■ **ALARM TAMPERING** — A home's alarm system on the 900 block of Liberty Street was disarmed sometime between 10:30 and 11:45 a.m. Whoever tampered with the alarm was unable to enter the home.

■ **THEFT ARREST** — A 36-year-old El Cerrito man was arrested on suspicion of stealing a stereo and speakers from a home on the 1700 block of Arlington Boulevard around 10:30 a.m. The stolen property was recovered after police located the man at his home and he was identified by the victim.

## Saturday, April 10

■ **ABUSE ARREST** — A 36-year-old El Cerrito man was arrested on Waldo Lane near San Pablo Avenue at 10:07 p.m. after it was reported that he drunkenly beat and kicked his 56-year-old mother. The woman sustained an injury to her upper lip but refused medical treatment, police said.

## Monday, April 12

■ **DVD THEFT ARREST** — A 38-year-old San Francisco woman and a 37-year-old Richmond woman were arrested on suspicion of stealing 11 DVDs from Hollywood Video at 5:30 p.m. Police located the women at the Church's Chicken parking lot, where a witness identified them. The women were booked for second degree burglary at the El Cerrito Police Department and then delivered to the Martinez Detention Facility.

## Tuesday, April 13

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Electronic tools worth about \$1,200 were taken from a vehicle on the 400 block of Balra Drive between 9 p.m. on April 13 and 2 p.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT ARREST** — A 19-year-old Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of stealing a motorized two-wheel vehicle after he was stopped for not wearing a helmet at 4:40 p.m. Police found the man's license to be suspended and the vehicle had been reported stolen to Berkeley police.

## Wednesday, April 14

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Blue and black gym bags were taken from a vehicle on the 6500 block of Stockton Avenue between 5 and 6:25 p.m.

## Thursday, April 15

■ **VANDALISM, PROBATION VIOLATION ARREST** — A 21-year-old Berkeley man was arrested near Creekside Park at 8 p.m. following a report that he vandalized his ex-girlfriend's mother's vehicle. A large cement rock was thrown against the vehicle and a vulgarly was scratched into the paint.

The man was booked at the police department on a charge of vandalism and a probation violation.

## Friday, April 16

■ **THEFT ARRESTS** — A 24-year-old El Cerrito man and a 23-year-old Antioch woman were arrested on suspicion of grand theft after they were stopped by police in a gold Saturn driving west on Potrero Avenue. The couple allegedly stole golf clubs and compact discs from a vehicle on Atwell Drive and were seen driving away by the vehicle's owner. The

## PET OF THE WEEK

The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

**Dogs:** Male herding breed cross, 5 years; female Lab/Chow cross; male beagle cross, 1 year.

**Cats:** black male shorthair, 6 months; calico female shorthair, 4 years; black-and-white female shorthair, 7 years; gray female shorthair, 5 years; tortoiseshell-tabby cross female, 6 months; black female shorthair, 3 years (two cats); tricolor tabby female, 6 years; black-and-white short-hair male, 5 years.

**Adoption fee:** cats \$100; dogs \$125 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Details: [www.berkeleyhumane.org](http://www.berkeleyhumane.org) or call 510-845-7735.



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# Neighbors

## PLACES

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"TRANSIT RIDER," an acrylic painting by David Dwyer, is part of an exhibit featuring about 70 paintings, photographs and other works from about a dozen Christian artists to be shown at the First Baptist Church activities center, 777 Sonoma St., Richmond, on Sunday, April 25 from noon to 4 p.m. For more information visit the Web site: [www.GodInAction.org](http://www.GodInAction.org) or call 510-234-4395.

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And not quite two weeks before the show, the day before the start of spring break for the young students, a fifth-grader was seriously injured in a traffic accident outside the campus on Fairmount Avenue.

To top it off, state STAR testing is next week.

But the students carried on, and talent-show participants entertained a packed house of students, parents and teachers.

Student participants included Nicole Smith, Chelsea Chan, Brooks Williams (and teacher Toby Halpern), Sylvia Rose Flores, Andy Brewer, Patricia Ogura, Angelica Armijo-Keats, Elaine Chu, Logan Crespan, Ileya

Cooper, Breyanni Vaughn, Justine Rougea, Andrew Gu, Kira Black, Gabrielle Pacencia, Raymond Chu, Anne Lien, Maxine Lien, Alexandra McGowan, Kaylah Rainey, Tierra Daniels, Mae Frank, Xachiti Hidalgo, Konnie Guo, Pascale Brunisig, Maddie Pine and Charlotte Pine.

Parent Holly Winter assisted Master of Ceremonies Jake Lengacher.

It was announced that a video of the show would be given to the injured fifth-grade student, Solomon Emerson, and performers Cooper, Vaughn and Rougea dedicated their performance to him.

— Chris Treadway

## Look sharp, feel sharp, be sharp — and organized

**Q:** These days I find myself so rushed and harried. The world seems to be moving too fast for me. I thought that being retired would allow me to slow down, relax, and take it easy, but instead I am busier than ever. Am I just destined to a life of constant rushing or do you have some suggestions for people like me?

**A:** You certainly are not alone in your concerns. Everybody I know has been overwhelmed by "busy-ness," but I find that there is a way to make things easier. Organize your life. This is not simple, however, and to achieve organization, one must increase awareness and be prepared to THINK in greater detail.

For me, an important piece of equipment is a small, weekly calendar. It is easy to carry, has room for daily brief reminders of things you have done and need to remember, that need to be done that day, or that are coming along at some later date. Each day, be sure to check the activities of the day, and also remind yourself of things to be done in the next few days.

This calendar becomes very important, contains many bits of information for your records, and must not be misplaced or lost. Be sure to have a special place for it, and never fail to place it there. If you have a history of losing things, it might be wise to have a duplicate and record all your information twice, and always to have the second copy tucked away in your desk or another safe place.

If you follow these ideas, you will be even busier for awhile as you implement these changes, but as the technique becomes a habit, it really will cut down on your rushing.

Consider your necessary errands. A list of them might prove very helpful.

Think about where you must go for each one. Can you com-



CONNIE LYNCH  
Don't Lose Your Mind

bine those trips? Doing several errands in the same general area can save you time as well as mileage, and these days we are all very conscious of gasoline prices.

Even in your home, think about what must be done in various areas.

Combine your chores. If you have several home levels, check to see if there are other things that you may carry in only one trip up or down stairs, once again saving time and energy.

Perhaps the most important word that keeps appearing as we make plans and organize is THINK. Without careful consideration of your daily activities, it will be very difficult to make changes. It is also impossible to remember each and every responsibility in a busy life.

As you think about all of your many tasks, try writing them as well to help you be able to recall immediately everything you must do. Any distractions that come your way — and we all experience those — will do no real damage because you will have a list of the important responsibilities. Your planning can continue in the most efficient way.

A few more hints: If you think of something new that needs your attention — do it now! Take immediate action or make a note about it. Make certain that you don't forget it.

Have a particular place for articles that may be misplaced, such as keys and eyeglasses. ALWAYS put them there.

Plan ahead for things that you know must be done. Compile your daily plan and stick to it! Remember the magic words — be aware, think, and organize.

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## Columnist hits the road with the Oakland Museum

HEY CALLED IT a Palm Springs trip, but we spent only one day there and most of that time in the wonderful Springs Desert Museum. A great museum in a beautiful building, housing a collection like the William Holden collection (mostly Asian art), George Montgomery Collection (mostly Western art), and a magnificent collection of the wonderful art glass work of William Morris.

For the most part this Oakland Museum/History Guild trip was to what is called the Inland Empire, cities you know where but really know little about. We passed Lancaster, a city in a hard land, where people lived until the recent past to build low-cost housing for people who could not afford where they worked in Los Angeles.

Riverside was our base city, because it was a home



CLARA-RAE GENSER  
Community Folk

town of our guide, Gary Holloway, we learned to know and to love it.

The most outstanding thing was Victoria Avenue. It is the only street listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is a glorious seven miles of road framed by rose bushes and over 4,000 specimen trees. Trees also divide the lanes. Driving through it you felt you should be in an upholstered buggy with two white horses pulling it.

Riverside was started by Eastern people who wanted second homes in an area with

pleasant weather, and peopled by the "beautiful people" they favored. It was the center of the citrus industry and surrounded by orange and lemon groves.

We never missed a museum, and the Riverside Museum was great. The Mission Inn, one of the loveliest hotels in the country, is a jewel. And there are still mulberry trees left from when they thought they could make silk in the area (the silk worms all died).

One day we went to Perris, where there is a fascinating railroad museum. Perris is a small not-much-of-a-town, but Lois, who runs the museum with her husband, was worth a trip herself. During lunch she spoke of her even greater interest, the "Harvey Girls" those intrepid ladies who used to serve at the Harvey chain of restaurants along the Santa Fe Railroad. Forget the Judy Garland

movie about them, said Lois. Theirs was a hard lot. She is the President of the Harvey Girl Society.

We had looked forward to the Ramona Pageant in Hemet, but on that day it rained. We waited several hours thinking it would stop, but they finally cancelled it. They do the Helen Hunt Jackson story, Ramona, a story I used to cry over when I was a youngster. They are said to do a great job with it. Alas.

We visited Redlands, again a town created by a well-to-do, well educated group for "their own kind."

One of the men was an engineer who laid out the town around a library and lecture hall. A lovely town still, with a wonderful library built by one family, and a beautiful Abraham Lincoln Memorial Shrine built by another.

San Bernardino was started by Joseph Smith, the Mormon

leader, as a sort of way station for his people on the way to Utah. When his successor, Brigham Young called them to leave San Bernardino and come to Utah, many of them refused, and stayed.

This city does not have the charm of its sister cities in the Inland Empire.

Our wonderful driver, Pete Mitchell, let me use his laptop for this column. We will finish our trip in Hanford, but that is tomorrow. It has been interesting to learn to know this part of our state. Lovely to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there. It's hot in the summer.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is [crgenser@aol.com](mailto:crgenser@aol.com).



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## THE JOURNAL

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

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## Unplug from the TV

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CHANGE your perspective on life. You may have been too busy catching up on your shows to note that this week was TV Turnoff Week — but it's never too late to turn it off the box and take a look at other things going on around. Forget reality TV and tune into the reality around you.

With the news of the damaging effect television can have on the young, developing brain, we hope parents are more open to the idea of turning off the television.

According to a recently released study, toddlers who watch more than an hour of television a day have increased chances of developing attention deficit disorder by the time they are 7. One hour. That was shocking and scary for many parents and left them wondering what they would do.

Although it is not in the memory of more than half of the nation's population, it remains true that television wasn't always available as the easy baby sitter for kids.

In addition to the rewiring of the brain that television is suspected to cause, it saps the creative juices. It affects moods. It alters reality so that people are expected to act or look a certain way.

Television also helps create a new reality because people begin imitating what they see on TV. It undermines values. It steals time, energy and motivation. Our TV time must share the blame with our bad diets for our growing waistlines.

It seems it should be easy to give up something that's obviously so bad for us, at least temporarily. But television's drug-like effect makes it difficult for people to commit to a week without it.

So start with five days or three days or just promise yourself you'll do one day and see how it goes. Start today filling your time with those other projects you've wanted to tackle.

Fill your mind with those deep thoughts you haven't had time to develop. Here's a thought: Read a book. What's the one people have been talking about? Yeah, yeah. Pick that one up. Participate in a book club.

But there are many other endeavors that could enhance your world. Take a class. Make some phone calls. Communicate with your family. Play games. Maybe even eat a meal at the dining room table — together with your family.

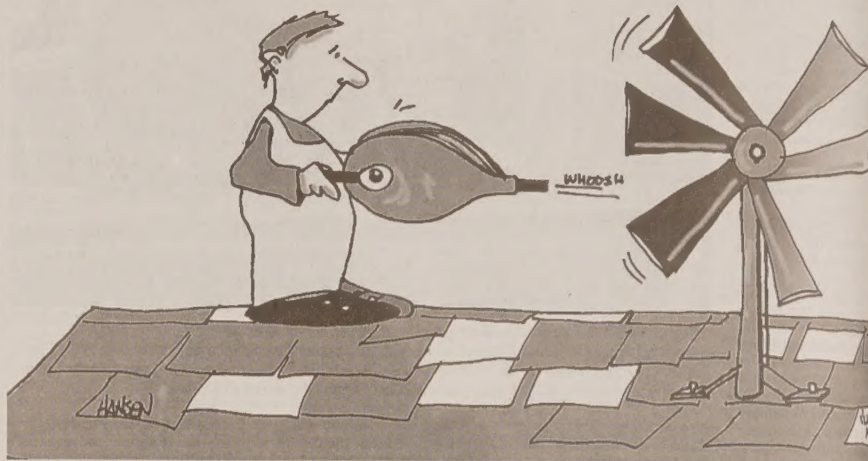
Get some exercise. Get out of the house; a park or museum could be calling you. Or maybe it's the bowling alley. How about volunteering to help your community? Go to bed early, without that depressing television scene being the last thing you see before you go off to dreamland.

When we spend our time watching TV, these are the few things we just can't seem to find time to do. That allows — actually helps — our brains and bodies to atrophy.

If we can do a few days now, maybe we can get to the point where we can do a week, a month, then a whole season.

Maybe we will find we don't need that visual drug as much as we thought, and maybe we will find ourselves relating to our friends, family and neighbors better than the "Friends," families and neighbors on television shows.

## EARTH DAY IS A TIME TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Astonishing approval

To me, there were several astonishing aspects of the Fairmount Avenue Development approval by the El Cerrito Planning Commission, as reported in your April 9 edition.

How does it happen that the planning commission, which is not an elected body, has the power to make such extreme exceptions to our zoning ordinances? In this case, allowing less than half the usual number of parking spaces and almost twice the usual height for buildings?

The article said this was done because the project was "found to enhance the city's quality of life." Exactly how would such deviations from our usual requirements enhance our quality of life?

One commissioner was quoted as saying, "As we become more urban, we have to approve projects without the parking that we're used to." Excuse me, but why do we have to become more urban to that extent? Why does the commission have to approve such projects? The City Council is the elected body to make such far-reaching decisions.

In general, it seems that some on the commission have uncritically accepted the politically correct idea that dense housing near the BART stations (the "transit village" idea) is something to be encouraged for El Cerrito, regardless of any unfavorable consequences. They perhaps have not realized that successful housing development near transit requires more buildable space and wider, less busy streets, than we have here. Our city is not like those in further out locations, in these respects.

With regard to a possible library use, the remark by one of the commissioners, as quoted, was also astonishing. She said that Berkeley and Oakland libraries also are on busy streets and do not have "dedicated" parking. Perhaps she does not know that these cities have many branch libraries in uncongested areas, which El Cerrito will not have.

There seems to be no insurmountable reason why we could not use Redevelopment Agency bond proceeds to build a library on vacant, centrally located San Pablo Avenue land which is already owned by the agency.

M.E. Selphe  
El Cerrito

## Leftist bias

For the third time in as many weeks, I see a large amount of print space being given to the political hard left in the local newspapers.

This time it is a picture and 1/3-page puff piece on Joan Blades and her new book.

Living in a liberal zoo is one thing but more and more the West County Times and El Cerrito Journal are blatant about their leftist bias.

A recent front-page story in the Times gave significant PR to MoveOn.org and its Web site — a stunning example of promoting the radical left as mainstream.

George Soros, the world famous socialist money changer, gave significant dollars to MoveOn so they could bash our president with despicable ads equating Bush to a Nazi.

MoveOn was established when the left was in full campaign mode to get people to forget about Bill Clinton's impeachment. Now, MoveOn and its founders are being given publicity as though they are just part of mainstream America.

If people are naive enough to believe this sleazy journalism, then our country will surely become a socialist wasteland

in which the elitists decide where we can live, where we can walk, what we can do to protect ourselves, what we eat and how to think.

Perhaps Journal correspondent Susanne LaFetra did us a big favor by showing us the enemy within.

Gary Buffon  
El Cerrito

## Bush's record poor

George Bush is running for re-election on his record on national security. What is this record?

The 9/11 commission has heard from officials both inside and outside the president's inner circle. These men and women have shown varying views on actions that each has taken.

The picture that emerges is that of a president who relegates the protection of our own country to the workings of a vast bureaucracy. Meanwhile, he spends his own time on grand strategies to reform other lands according to his vision and that of those around him. Then, after we are hit, he tells us how strong he is on counter-terrorism.

To the contrary, I believe he has made this country and the world less safe from this threat. Foreseeable resentment of his occupation of another country has created a fertile recruiting ground and focus for international terrorists. His unilateral approach and disdain for the United Nations and for countries who disagree with him have weakened international cooperation and support just when it is most needed.

Is this the kind of president we need? I think not.

David McCoard  
El Cerrito

## We are entitled

If residents of Contra Costa County think the members of our Board of Supervisors are representing our best interests, think again!

They are letting us bear the cost of the Davis recall election without taking any action, to my knowledge, to collect from those responsible. Evidently, they have done nothing to collect that portion of the motor vehicle license fee hike to which our county is entitled — to the same extent as though said fees under the hike had been collected in full.

If the state chooses to follow Schwarzenegger's "void" order rescinding the license fee hike and not collect the full fees under the hike, that is the state's misfortune; Contra Costa County is still entitled to its full share of the fees from the effective date of the hike.

My letter mailed Dec. 4 to the Board of Supervisors requested it take action to collect such recall costs and fees, which have not been acted upon.

My letters of March 8 and 9, to the clerks of the state Senate and Assembly respectively, contain a discussion of the

legal ramifications supporting the above arguments. Those letters may be available through your state representative in the Legislature.

Raymond H. Hawkins  
Kensington

## Plenty of Bush mistakes

When challenged, a stubborn, once-just-bright-enough-to-be-dangerous friend of mine from the south Texas patch would always say, "The only mistake I ever made was one time when I thought I was wrong and it turned out I was right!" To which his co-workers always replied the equivalent of, "Fertizer!"

President Bush was apparently stumped in his press conference on April 13 when challenged to come up with a mistake he may have made since the Supreme Court selected him to serve the Oval Office.

Allow me to assist, Gee-Dub, with about No Child Left Behind; \$300 tax on exchange for 25 percent tuition increases; a jobless economic recovery; nay on obalglay armingway; gutting workplace ergonomics laws, the EPA's perfund, the USDA, and the Department of Interior; blurring the line between church and state; being a conscientious objector in the fight against corporate criminals; not firing Cheney; not firing Rumsfeld; not firing Tenet; not firing Rove; not firing Wolfowitz; not firing Card; not firing Rove?

Invading Iraq was a mistake, George. You're fired!

Jim Ostlund  
Albany

## Show of commitment

I was gratified to see the Times covering the West County March4Education from San Pablo to Sacramento, which took place this week. However, as an initial march participant, I can tell you that your estimate of the number of those who started the march was incorrect.

More than 400 people attended the rally on April 9 and started marching. About 100 of those peeled off at various spots in San Pablo, mostly mothers with babies, religious leaders who had Easter weekend services to prepare for, and seniors. Three hundred people continued on and there were more than 150 who finished at Pinole United Methodist Church around 7:30 p.m. that day.

During the planning, we estimated that about 20 people would march the whole way. This number more than doubled.

The March4Education campaign also needs contributions of money to defray the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by teachers and families. To support the campaign, call Scottie Smith at 510-223-5820.

You can see pictures and learn from the Web site at [www.march4education.org](http://www.march4education.org). Volunteers have achieved this entire effort, with a loving spirit and commitment to public education.

Cheryl Maier  
Richmond

Maier is the director of Opportunity West in Richmond.

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## ANY PTA NEWS

## Schools

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## CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

## Club

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## High School

High's second annual Used Book Fair will be held Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the school.

Books are sought now: fiction and non-fiction books for adults and children. Books should be in good shape. No magazine or computer books. Bring books to the school's Services Center at the high school or contact Dore Brown at 510-414-1039.

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## Marin Elementary School

Interested parents may receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Kym Sterner at kymsterner@earthlink.net. Scrip Orders: Call Helene Class at 510-526-4802 or e-mail: h.class@att.net. Paper Scrip for sale in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. and Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.

## Ocean View Elementary School

Scrip Orders: Call Laurie Amaro at 510-525-0476. RECYCLE used computer printer cartridges from your home or office. Look for bins in the library.

## AUSD Board of Education

April 27, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Corneil Multi-Purpose Room. Thanks to Albany SchoolCARE (an independent fundraising organization) for their ongoing efforts to sell SCRIP benefiting Albany PTAs. Attention: Online Shoppers. Support Albany Schools by going to www.schoolpop.com or www.schoolcash.com to access 125 merchants including Nordstrom.com, Amazon.com, drugstore.com and Lands' End. Up to 20 percent of every purchase goes back to your school. Also, don't forget to support your local merchants who support Albany schools!

Items? Call Kay Weinstein at 510-525-0363 or e-mail: kayweinstein@yahoo.com

## Library Week highlights a yearround resource

Quote of the week: "Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information about it." — Samuel Johnson, 1709-1784

IN THESE TIMES of budget cuts and shortened library hours, it seems appropriate that April 18 to April 24 is National Library Week. Started in 1958, by the American Library Association (ALA) and the American Book Publishers, the goal was to get Americans reading books again, instead of spending their time on "radios, televisions and musical instruments" (from the ALA Web site). (I, of course, couldn't help wondering which musical instruments were being played by the non-reading Americans, but I haven't found any information about that yet.)

Libraries all across the country, including the Bay Area, are participating in National Library Week, providing events as diverse as taiko drummers, visiting authors, storytelling and hiking. Many of the local libraries, including Contra Costa County, San Francisco, Alameda County,



JULIE WINKELSTEIN  
At the Library

Berkeley and Oakland, belong to the Bay Area Library and Information System (BALIS) and they have worked together on a campaign to promote libraries this week, using the slogan "Discover the Bay Area's best value ... your library."

Part of this joint effort was a desire to emphasize the library facts they think are important. They have put together a list, which includes items like: Each year, Bay Area Libraries serve more than 17.1 million people, provide over 225,000 hours of free Internet access, and provide more than 21,000 free programs.

This weekend will be the final days of the 2004 National Library Week and there will be many events to choose from. For instance, on Saturday, April 24, there will be events at many of the Contra Costa County libraries, including El

Cerrito, Concord and Pittsburg. And at 9 a.m. on Sunday, the Pleasant Hill Library will finish the week with a Fun Run/Walk for all ages, starting at Pleasant Oaks Park, behind the library.

The Albany Library will have two events on April 24. First, from 1 to 3 p.m., there will be a National Library Week reception, with refreshments for everyone. Then, at 3 p.m., "Word for Word," a San Francisco Theater Group, will act out "The Wonderful Story of Zaal," in a performance for all ages.

It is difficult to understand how libraries, which provide such diverse and critical services, can be faced with budget cuts.

Several people have asked me what they can do to help and I think the best answer is to let your state legislator know you support library funding. Shorter hours, less materials and fewer staff will greatly undermine the services library users expect and need.

When I stand back and think about what our governments — local, state and federal — should be doing for us as a society, I think the opportunity to access information, in

any format — book, in-person, DVD, Internet — is the best way for all of us to participate in a democracy. Libraries are not just for homework questions or the latest video — they make it possible for anyone to learn more about anything. Good libraries make everyone rich. What more could you want?

**READER REVIEW:** Mary submitted this week's book review and it for David Fromkin's "A Peace to End All Peace." She says it is "the account of military actions in the Middle East during World War I and the problems Great Britain had controlling its conquest after the war." Mary includes this quote in the review: "... in a predominantly Moslem world which could abide being ruled by almost anybody except non-Moslems, a foreign Christian country ought to have expected hostility when it attempted to impose its own rule ..." Mary concludes with: "Fromkin's history is an important one for our time ..."

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@ac-library.org or at the Albany Library.

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Friends of the Albany Library will hold a \$1 book sale May 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a bag sale May 16 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library, is located at 1247 Martin Ave. Information: 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

Children age 3 and up and their families are invited to the El Cerrito Library on Saturday, May 1 at 11 a.m. for a Spanish language family story time entitled "Cuentos en Espanol para Ninos." In addition to the stories, which will be read in Spanish, the program will include Spanish language songs and finger games. For more information, call the library at 526-7512.

Also at El Cerrito: The library will host a special program for National Library Week: The Three Penny Players will tell and act out funny and exciting children's stories on Saturday, April 24 at 11 a.m. — for children ages 3 and up.

Readers Anonymous, the library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The club will discuss "Peace Like a River," by Leif En-

ger on April 27. Next up: "Big Stone Gap," by Adriana Trigiani (May 25). Copies of the current selection are available at the check-out desk.

The El Cerrito Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

Ron McGee and his wild animal friends will appear courtesy of the Friends of the Kensington Library in "Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom" on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. McGee's animals include a tarantula, a scorpion, a giant tortoise, a huge python and a giant lizard. Free tickets for the show will be available on Monday, May 10.

Also at Kensington: Family Storytimes for all ages are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (except when special programs are scheduled).

The Kensington Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1098. Phone: 510-524-3043.

The Latino Film Festival of the San Francisco Bay Area and the

Friends of the Richmond Public Library sponsor films in Spanish with English subtitles on a large screen, the second Thursday of the month in the Madeleine F. Whittlesey Community Room.

The Richmond Public Library is at 325 Civic Center Plaza in Richmond. 510-620-6561.

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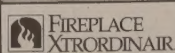
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## Exhibits

**Art Association's 28th** Show takes place at the El Centro Community Center, 7007 Mooser Avenue, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, April 23. The exhibit features over two hundred artists from the area and other local community members. For more information, call 510-235-2232.

**Flora & Fauna**, April 28 through Friday, 10 to 6 p.m. A reception with the artist will be held Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 510-843-2473.

**Photography of Stephen** Berkeley professor of Cognitive Science will be on display in an exhibit titled "The Art of Perception" at the Berkeley Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 23. The exhibit features photographs of various visual situations such as optical illusions and symmetry in nature and art. For more information, call 510-843-2473.

**Early Women of Berkeley** (EWB) and their organizations are holding a special exhibit, "The Women of Berkeley," on March 27. The exhibit, co-curated by the Berkeley Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Berkeley Historical Society, celebrates the role of women in shaping Berkeley's history through their work in education, social reform, and the arts. The exhibit is on display from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 24. For more information, call 510-843-2473.

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## Dance/stage

**Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 University Ave., presents Alan Ayckbourn's farce, "How the Other Half Loves," 8 p.m. Friday, and Saturday, April 24 and 25, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$10 to \$16. For more information, call 510-843-9132. Call 510-843-9132 for more information, or visit [www.cct.org](http://www.cct.org).

**Ensemble of Berkeley** continues its season with "The Sisters" by Rosie Linsky, who at age 72, has practiced yoga for over 40 years. Open to non-members for \$8 a class. For more information, call Karen Ray, at 848-7800.

**Berkeley Adult School** offers ceramics classes from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays at the St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave. Classes are free, materials and firing charges are not.

**A benefit screening for Bay Area** medical mission documentary "Bloodlines: A Medical Mission to Iloilo Philippines" takes place at 6:30 p.m. April 18, at the Roda Theater at 2015 Addison St. The film chronicles the 2003 medical mission of the Philippine Medical Society of Northern California. Bay Area volunteer doctors, nurses, and support staff traveled to Iloilo, a province in central Philippines, to serve an impoverished community lacking access to basic healthcare. Tickets: can be purchased at [www.manja.org](http://www.manja.org) for \$8-\$15 or \$12 at the door.

**"How the Other Half Loves"** Alan Ayckbourn's hilarious farce, adroitly involving three couples in two living rooms on a single set will be staged Fridays, Saturdays and selected Sundays at 8 p.m. from April 16-May 22 at Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Details: 510-524-9132. [www.cct.org](http://www.cct.org)

**Learn easy international folk dances**, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience needed. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2, kids \$1. Details: 525-1130.

**Friday Night Folk Dancing**: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

**Family Folkdancing** takes place the third Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

**Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

## Health

**YWCA Health and Community Education**, drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Learning

**The Berkeley City Club**, 2315 Durant Ave., a non-profit private social club, offers a weekly yoga class for seniors from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday's. The class taught by Rosie Linsky, who at age 72, has practiced yoga for over 40 years. Open to non-members for \$8 a class. For more information, call Karen Ray, at 848-7800.

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**St. John's Prime Timers Senior Center** in Berkeley offers classes in exercise, hand-built ceramics, copper, enameling, wood working, weaving, creative writing and tap dancing. There are speakers on matters of current interest and travel slide presentations once a month. Classes are on-going. New members and seniors over 50 are always welcome. Lunch and friendly conversation are offered at a minimal charge. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Avenue, Berkeley. Call 845-6830 for time and schedules.

**Beginning Internet Workshops** take place at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Learn the basics of the Internet mouse skills, email, web searching, and the library's on-line catalog and databases. Classes are free of charge. Alternate Saturday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. Call 510-526-7512 to sign up.

**The Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., offers free, ongoing chess instruction Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The lessons range from fundamental to advanced topics, and also casual play. This program is led by David Pruess, who holds the Senior Master title and is one of the top chess players and teachers in California. All levels are welcome and chess sets are provided. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

**Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple, clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. Details: Mel Harle, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

**Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Details: 238-3554.

**Julia Morgan Center for the Arts**, 2640 College Ave., offers family-friendly program classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into everyday lives. Details: 845-8542 or [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

**The Berkeley Adult School** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be used to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and introductory and advanced computer classes. Details: 644-6130.

**Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time.

**Berkeley Community Media**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers dance classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjail Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054.n Life Stories/College and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 845-6830.

**Dance and fitness classes** open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

**Let's Swing and Jitterbug**: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley, Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

## Literary events

**Alan Bern** will read from his new collection of poetry "No no no the saddest" and Lucinda Weaver will perform dances choreographed for the poems on Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m. at Diesel, A Bookstore, 5433 College Ave. in Oakland. Bern and Weaver are Berkeley natives. Bern recounts the events surrounding his pregnant wife's brain aneurysm, coma, giving birth to a healthy son, and eventual death - yet the poems are not all bleak. Details: <http://diesel.booksense.com> or 510-653-9965.

## Meetings/lectures

**Berkeley Gray Panthers** meet at 1:30 p.m. April 28, at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. (corner of MLK Jr. Way). All are welcome. Berkeley Council member Kriss Worthington and Oakland Council member Nancy Nadel discuss "The Local Housing Crisis." Details: 510-548-9696 or 510-486-8010.

**Ohlone Dog Park Association** meets April 27 at 7 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. (at Martin Luther King Jr. Way). Details: Doris Richards, 843-6221.

**The League of Women Voters**, Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville annual luncheon is on Tuesday, April 27, when



**THE BERKELEY EARTH DAY** celebration takes place Saturday, April 24, from 12-5 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Allston Way. An array of dance, music and other cultural performers includes La Familia (Cuban son/hip hop, above) from 3:30-5 p.m. Activities will include Mama Earth Temple with yoga, ritual and drumming; alternative energy demos with biodiesel and veggie oil cars, solar panels; climbing wall; Kid's Eco-Art making with East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse; Berkeley Farmer's Market Family Farm Day; and vegetarian food, craft and community booths. Celebrants are asked not to drive. The park is one block from downtown Berkeley BART and valet bike parking will be provided by the Bicycle Friendly Berkeley Coalition. Volunteers are also needed. Call 510-654-6346 ext. 4.

the speaker will be former U.S. Secretary of Labor, Robert B. Reich on "Taking Back Politics." Social at 11:30 a.m., luncheon and program noon-1:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, Berkeley Marina. Cost: \$50 per person. Reservations required. Telephone: 510-843-8824, fax: 510-843-8828.

**Kensington Area Republican Women's Club** hosts the California

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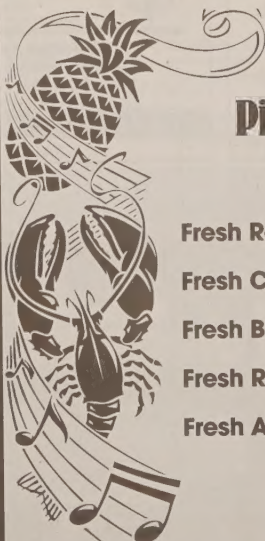
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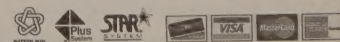
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May 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Featured speakers include Dr. Stanley Monteith, host of Radio Liberty speaking on "Sustainable Growth: Regional vs. Local Control"; Steve Klein and Abdullah Al-araby speaking on "The Truth about Islam" and Tom Delbecqarro Chairman of the Contra Costa Republican Central Committee. Luncheon served. \$30/person. For reservations call Marilynne at 223-0443 or Jennette at 925-838-2182. Members of the public welcome.

■ **El Cerrito Democratic Club** will meet Tuesday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. After a short business meeting, we will have a guest speaker, Marshall Windmiller, professor Emeritus of International Relations at San Francisco State University, speaking on "Intelligence and Empire: its relation to foreign policy." Details: 510-527-2194.

■ **El Cerrito Garden Club** will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, May 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. This month's program is "Member's Day: A Tour of Member's Gardens." Guests are welcome, \$3 at door. Come out and visit some of your neighbor's gardens! For information call Marilynne at 223-0443 or Mae at 234-0135.

■ **Kensington Area Republican Women's Club** regular meeting is Wednesday, May 26, at noon at Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. This month's speaker is Steve Wampler, host of "Right On" radio talk show, on the "Death Tax" and its implications for your estate. Luncheon is \$15. Details: Cay Weeks at 524-5889 or Marilynne at 223-0443. Reservation deadline is Friday May 21. Members of the public welcome.

■ **The Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine College**, Berkeley, 2550 Shattuck Ave., holds a free open-house event from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 17. The event will give prospective students and members a chance to learn about the Masters of Science in Oriental Medicine program, and also enjoy a complimentary lunch. RSVP Call 510-666-8248 ex. 108.

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets every Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Don, 510-525-3585 or www.berkeleycameraclub.org.

■ **Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung** classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday

evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. 268-4995.

■ **Learn computer applications** for the "working" world Using Windows '95 and '98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher. Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. 237-0840 or www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/rop.

■ **Powerhounds**, a ski, snowboard and social club meet the second Tuesdays, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Oakland Hilton, Amelia restaurant, 1 Hegenberger Rd., and fourth Tuesdays 7 to 9 p.m. at Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-769-7669 or visit the Web site at www.powerhounds.com.

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■ **St. John's Prime Timers** meet on Tuesday mornings at 2727 College Ave. Sharon Stalkieft will speak about her ministry to four local nursing homes at 11 a.m. Dec. 16. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 510-845-6830.

■ **Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., presents poetry events: First Thursdays include Open Mike and Featured Poet sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. Second Wednesdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops, for all ages. Second Saturdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops for grades 4-8. All three events are free and on-going. Light refreshments will be served. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20 for more information.

■ **Storytelling for Adults**, a group of storytellers, and listeners, who love to listen to stories, to keep the oral tradition alive, meet from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on the first Thursday each month at the Claremont Branch, Berkeley Public Library, 1940 Benevise, at Ashby. Free. 610-644-6860; or 525-1533.

■ **The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability who requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

■ **The El Cerrito Toastmasters** offers

basic public speaking and leadership activities and programs. Speakers of all skill levels are invited to come, observe and participate. Meetings occur every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information contact Jim Bruce at jim@peachpit.com.

■ **Kol Hadash**, the Bay Area's only Jewish Humanistic Congregation, with more than 110 family members from around the Bay Area, meets on the fourth Friday of each month for a regular Shabbat (Sabbath), every other month on a Saturday for a Family Shabbat. The group holds Sunday school classes two Sundays a month, celebrates all the major Jewish holidays and holds special events from time to time. Location: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. 428-1492.

## Miscellany

■ **Community Alliance with Family Farms and Earth Day Berkeley Celebration** present "Family Farm Day/Earth Day," April 24, featuring hands-on farm displays, farm animals, hand wool spinning, etc. at the Civic Center Park, Derby Street at MLK, Jr. Way. 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Free. Wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 510-548-3333 or visit www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **Berkeley Earth Day Fair** takes place from noon to 5 p.m. April 24, at the Civic Center Park, MLK and Alston. Performers include Alice DiMichele Band, LaFamilia, (salsa), National Dance Week, Kairos Youth Choir and more. Activities include Mama Earth Temple, Climbing Wall, vegetarian food, craft and community booths. Volunteers are needed, call 510-654-6346 ex. 4.

■ **Berkeley Copwatch** is offering a free Know Your Rights Training from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday April 24 at the Copwatch Office, 202 Blake St., Berkeley. 510-548-0425

■ **Introductory Meditation Retreat** takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 24, at the Berkeley Buddhist Priory, 1358 Marin Ave. The retreat will provide an introduction to sitting meditation and the basic teachings of the Soto Zen tradition. A vegetarian lunch will be provided. There is no charge for the retreat



**NEXT FRIDAY**, April 30, Shattuck Down Low presents Hyim (pictured) and The Fat Foakland Orchestra (Live world/funk music). Doors open at 9:30 p.m. Cover charge is \$7. The club is at Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-548-1159 or shattuckdownlow.com

or any activity at the Priory. For more information, call 510-528-1676.

■ **The Albany YMCA Giant Garage Sale** will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 24, at 921 Kains Ave., Albany. The sale will feature everything from clothing, books, and children's toys to household and office items. Proceeds will be used to help support Albany YMCA Youth and Senior Financial Assistance programs. Books will be on sale in the lobby until Tuesday April 27. Details: 510-525-1130.

■ **The New School of Berkeley** celebrates spring with an **International Family Fair** and raffle from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 24, on Bonita Street between Cedar and Virginia in Berkeley. Enjoy Christie's Vegetarian Cafe, a handicrafts bazaar, game and activities for children, raffle, and a variety of live entertainment, including Ballet Folklorico, Bubblejuice, Jill Rogers, Bharta Nafam dancers, Luther Monday, Strange An-

gels, the Waterdogs, and the New School Capoeiristas. Admission is free. For more information, call 510-548-9165.

■ **St. John's Prime Timers** in Berkeley offers ongoing classes at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Classes include exercises, ceramics, copper enameling, woodworking, weaving, creative writing, and tap dancing (Thursdays). New members are always welcome, especially seniors over 50. Call 845-6830 for more information.

■ **The Center for Independent Living** announces its newly created Asian

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Community Center. Activities include Jewish holiday days, Jewish holiday parties, outings, entertainment, and much more. Call 510-837-0237 ext. 115 for details.

Share your speaking skills by attending Berkeley Communicators' meetings. The first and second meetings will be on Thursdays each month at 7:15 p.m. at the Berkeley Community Center, 3250 Adeline St. For more information, call 510-837-0237.

**Berkeley Camera Club** meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Community Center, 3250 Adeline St. A short business meeting, presentation of slides and prints, and a photo walk are featured. For more information, call 510-837-0237.

**American Veterans** Chapter 200 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Berkeley Community Center, 3250 Adeline St. A short business meeting, presentation of slides and prints, and a photo walk are featured. For more information, call 510-837-0237.

**Avator Metaphysics** Club meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Community Center, 3250 Adeline St. A short business meeting, presentation of slides and prints, and a photo walk are featured. For more information, call 510-837-0237.

**Washington Senior Activity** meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Arlington Community Center, 42 Arlington Ave. The center's program of life-long learning is directed by the West Contra Costa College. Attend any class or event free. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Call 510-837-0237 for details.

**Smart! Join Beijing Express** members. The Smart Club! Meet every Monday, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. at the Beijing Express Restaurant, 1401 St. For additional information, call 510-837-0237.

**Stand up and say hello.** Come practice with us. Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 University Ave. Berkeley. Call 863-6708 for information.

**Arthritis Support** and **Alzheimer's Support** meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month (except December) at 2:30 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. For additional information call 204-4503.

**masters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Language Program Building, 1401 St. For additional information call 510-837-0237.

**Healing** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual aspects of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of the month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Hall, 1401 St. For more information, call 510-837-0237.

**Health Toastmasters** meet on the second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10-1:10 p.m. at the Health Building, 2151 Berkeley Ave. For more information, call 510-837-0237.

**Alignment**; 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Informative seminars on spiritual partnerships. Feldenkrais 400 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Call 510-837-0237.

**Bates Support Groups** - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Community Center, 3250 Adeline St. For more information, call 510-837-0237.

**Oakland City Center** is a new community center located at 1401 St. For more information, call 510-837-0237.

**Travel Clothing Outlet** - New Spring Arrivals. Call 510-837-0237 for more information.

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Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12-step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 215-9292.

**TOPS**; 9:30 a.m., Mondays: Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. in Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

**Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** and **East Bay Neurology** sponsors a free monthly **stroke support group**. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

## Music

**The University of California Alumni Chorus** presents its **Spring Concert** at 2 p.m. April 25, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oakland, 114 Montecito Ave. The concert will feature the works of California composers. The University of California Alumni Chorus is a talented group of singers from the San Francisco Bay Area who are graduates, faculty or staff of UC-Berkeley. Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 students/seniors, \$8 UC-Berkeley students. Details: 510-843-9645, or e-mail ucalumichorus@uc-choral.berkeley.edu; online at www.uccac.net.

**Cal Performances** presents Indian Tabla virtuoso **Zakir Hussain and the Masters of Percussion** at 7 p.m. April 25 at Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way at Telegraph. Tickets: \$22, \$30 and \$42, available through the Cal Performances ticket office at Zellerbach Hall at 510-842-9988 to charge by phone; at www.calperfs.berkeley.edu; and at the door.

**Cal Performances** present tenor saxophonist **Joe Lovano** at 8 p.m. April 24, for an evening of high-octane jazz at Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way at Telegraph. Tickets: \$22, \$32 and \$64, available through the Cal Performances ticket office at Zellerbach Hall at 510-842-9988 to charge by phone; at www.calperfs.berkeley.edu; and at the door.

**Healing Muses** presents "Fantasy, Humor and Elegance," a bouquet of musical delights from the Baroque Courts, at 8 p.m. April 24, at the St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. The program includes music by Telemann, C.P.E. Bach, Boccherini, Gloriani and Haydn. All proceeds benefit Healing Muses' hospital music program. Wheelchair accessible. \$18/\$15. Advance reservations recommended. For more information, call 510-524-5661 \*3 or visit the Web site at www.healingmuses.org.

**Crowden Music Center**, 1475 Rose St., presents "Community Music Day," from 12 to 5 p.m. April 24. Enjoy performances by students and professionals. Visit the Instrument Petting Zoo. Free admission. For more information, call 510-559-2941.

**Jazz Mine** will be performing every Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Friday from 6:30-9:30 at King Tain Chinese Restaurant, 1699 Solano Ave. in Berkeley.

**Jazzschool**, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley, hosts **Sunday Night Jam Sessions** every Sunday, 7:30-10 p.m. Instrumentalists and vocalists welcome to sit in. Free. Call 510-845-5373 or swing@jazzschool.com

## Outdoors

**The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden**, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a **free sick plant clinic** on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details: 643-2755.

**Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds**: house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lelia 655-3911.

**East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden** Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8742. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

## Support

**Discovery Counseling** holds a recovery group in Danville Monday nights 6:30-8:30 p.m. for those in on-going recovery. The group provides a supportive environment to maintain sobriety and commit to recovery. Cost is \$40.00 per group or sliding scale based on income. Details: Call 925-837-0505.

**National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-East Bay Chapter**, sponsors a support group for families of children with mental illness. The next meetings are from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Feb. 17, at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage St. in Albany. Meetings are free and offer parents and other family members a chance to talk with others. The public is invited. For more information, call NAMI-East Bay at 510-524-1250.

**If you have lost someone you love to cancer**, come for gentle guidance through the basic steps of grieving at the **Women's Cancer Resource Center**, 5741 Telegraph Ave. Grief Information Sessions take place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dec. 8, or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dec. 22. RSVP 510-420-7900 for more information, or visit www.wrcrc.org.

**Overeaters Anonymous** - Have a problem with food? Twelve-step support groups dealing with these issues meet at 10:30 a.m. Sundays at Mandana Community Recovery Center, 3989 Howe St. in Oakland (enter on 41st Street Way); 7:30 Wednesdays at Piedmont Community Church, 400 Highland (enter on Mountain, parallel to Highland); 7:30 Thursdays at Piedmont Gardens, 110 41st Street; and 6 p.m. Fridays at East Bay Church of Religious Science, 4130 Telegraph Avenue. For other meetings or more information, call 510-923-9491.

**Jewish Family and Children's Services** of the East Bay offers the following community support groups.

**Divorce Support Group**: Pre-registration required. Wednesday evenings, Jewish Family & Children's Services of

the East Bay in Walnut Creek. Call Dr. Carla Haimowitz at 925-927-2000.

**Bereavement Support Groups**: No Charge. Pre-registration required. Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m., JFCS/East Bay in Berkeley, 510-704-7480 ext. 968. Thursdays, 3:40-5 p.m., JFCS/East Bay in Walnut Creek, 925-927-2000 ext. 740.

**Cancer Support Group**: No charge. Tuesdays from 12:30 - 2 p.m., Markstein Center, room 2810, 2nd floor, 450 30th Street, Oakland. Call 510-869-8833.)

**Support Group for Women 60 Years and Older**: Finally, a special group for older single women. Explore new options for coping with life transitions, making new friendships, dealing with family and peer relationships, and changing old habits. Pre-registration required. Second and fourth Mondays from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center. Fee: \$10/session. Call Marti Kutnik LCSW at 510-704-7480 ext. 740.

**Interfaith Couples Group**: Thursdays, 7:15-9:15 p.m. at Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay in Berkeley. Call Cathy Diamond, MFT at 510-704-7480 ext. 225.

**Social Skills and Anger Management for Boys**: A special group for 7-9 year

old boys expressing anger and other feelings inappropriately, or are having difficulty making and keeping friends. Pre-registration required. Mondays, 4-5:15 p.m. at Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay in Berkeley. Fee: \$40/session. Sliding scale and medical accepted. Call David Edelson, MA, MFT at 510-704-7480 ext. 267.

**National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-East Bay Chapter** sponsors a support group to provide information and support to families of children and adolescents with mental illness. The next meeting is from 7 to 8 p.m. Feb. 18, at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage St., in Albany. Support meetings are free and offer parent and other family members a chance to talk with others in order to share information and get emotional support. For more information, call NAMI-East Bay at 510-524-1250.

**Women's Cancer Resource Center** offers support groups throughout the Bay Area. If you are interested in attending a group, call the Helpline at 510-420-7900 during the Center's open hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 12 to 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays.

**Bereavement Support Group** meets

Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m. at Jewish Family and Children's Services in Walnut Creek. Topics include dealing with loneliness, isolation, anger and other unexpected emotions; changing family dynamics; and re-establishing connections with your community. Receive support in a warm, Jewish context. No charge (donations accepted). Pre-registration required. Call Marti Kutnik LCSW at 925-927-2000 ext. 740. This group is jointly sponsored by Sinai Memorial Chapel and Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay.

## Volunteers

**Playful and compassionate volunteers** needed to help children living with grief and loss at **Circle of Care** (formerly PediatricCare) in Oakland. Volunteers are needed to facilitate support groups for children, teens, toddlers or adults. Training in March. Call Alinyia at 510-531-7551 or alinyia@ebac.org.

**American Red Cross Blood Services** is holding a volunteer orientation from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 at its office 6230 Claremont Ave., Oakland. Volunteers are needed to support the more than 40 blood drives held each month. Advance sign-up needed 594-5165.



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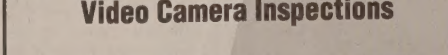
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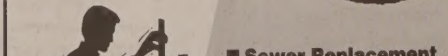
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"The opportunity to acquire Angel Home Care came up suddenly, and a deal was made very quickly," said Barbara Hamrick, a Registered Nurse and the founder and Executive Director of Nightingale Nursing. "It was virtually a handshake agreement."

According to Ms. Hamrick, the informal tone of the negotiations was possible because her counterparts at Angel Home Care, Cindy Duggan and Bobbie Richards, also were Registered Nurses, and all the principals shared a common nursing and business philosophy emphasizing personalized attention to clients and employees.

"The biggest concern was to ensure continuity of care for the former Angel clients, and fortunately we at Nightingale were in great position to deliver that," said Ms. Hamrick. "Angel was serving all of Alameda and Contra Costa counties out of their office in Oakland, and with our two locations, we managed a seamless transition."

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Eileen Zagelow, Geriatric Care Manager for Eldercare Services will lead the workshop. Eileen comments, "Families often leave the workshop with a sense of hope and the confidence that they have acquired the tools to support the care of their loved ones and themselves."

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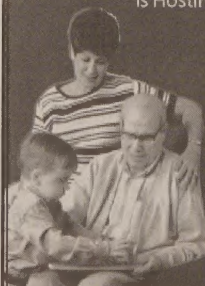
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The Berkshire features a large reception area/living room with European-style décor; a full dining room plus a separate, private area for small gatherings; library; activity rooms; and a country store operated by residents. Many activities are offered, such as exercise programs and scheduled outings, including a lunch trip to the Red Lobster in Vallejo April 29.

Numerous members of the staff are long-time veterans, and residents at The Berkshire are a unique and lively group, including several former professors and others employed at the nearby University of California.

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## Retire

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Algire will work about 32 hours a week and earn \$95 an hour.

In other business, Ocean View Park will be irrigated with recycled water starting late 2005 or early 2006, following an agreement made between the city and the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

The agreement is part of an effort by EBMUD to deliver 700,000 gallons of recycled water per day to customers in Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland by 2005.

The water will be pumped from a water treatment plant through new pipes being built parallel to Interstate 80, said

Charles Hardy, senior public information representative for EBMUD.

In a report to the City Council, maintenance supervisor John Medlock said recycled water has been treated to remove harmful bacteria and other contaminants.

Under state standards, he wrote, people and animals will not be harmed "simply by coming into contact with landscaped ... areas irrigated with recycled water." However, the water will not be suitable for drinking.

At its April 19 meeting, the council unanimously authorized the city administrator to execute a customer use agreement with EBMUD to bring the recycled water to Ocean View Park.

Under the agreement, the city will be required to install new equipment costing about \$3,500.

## Fields

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he said with a laugh. "We started going to meetings and saying, 'What about us?' ... And we did that for two years."

Those two years were spent lobbying for sports fields as a part of the process to develop the Eastshore State Park.

"Those of us who were interested in field development issues took a look at the ground that was out there and said 'Why not some sports fields?'" said Carlsen, a nine-year member of the Albany Little League Board of Directors.

The Albany plateau was the original choice, but the location was nixed because it's on environmentally sensitive land, said Robert Cheasty, president of Citizens for Eastshore State Park.

Instead, the East Bay Regional Park District stepped in and purchased the Gilman Street land for millions from Magna Entertainment Corp., the owner of Golden Gate Fields, and it closed

escrow in December. The park district has applied for state grants to develop the fields and is expecting the result of the grant applications by the fall.

In the meantime, a Joint Regional Agreement was signed between nearby cities — Albany, Berkeley, Richmond, El Cerrito and El Cerrito — to create an entity that could build and maintain the fields. Albany allocated money to the process of drafting a preliminary report for the project required by state law.

"We got a few balls in the air," said Councilman Allan May. "Athletic organizations are confident they will make efforts to result in well-maintained fields at Gilman Street."

"This is hopefully a number of facilities cities will be able to build," said McClure, the sun behind him.

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## Library

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If approved, the agency will require five units to be designated as affordable housing. The 18,000-square-foot library component of the project — more than twice the size of the city's current library — is optional.

The 13-member executive board of the Friends of the El Cerrito Library unanimously op-

poses placing a library within the apartment complex. The Friends board says the site has too little parking, too much traffic and is inconvenient to most residents. A library should stand on its own, the board said.

"It is an abomination," said resident Laura Kramer, one of several who spoke against the library component. "We only have one library and it should be centrally located. I can't imagine it on Fairmount Avenue."

Two residents spoke in favor of the project.

If the library is built, parking would only be available on the street. The city's current library has a shared-parking arrangement with the adjacent senior center.

Brusatori said she was troubled by the failure of the developer to consult with the Friends of the Library.

"To me, that's a basic group who have toiled all these years

to raise money," she said.

Friedman also said the issues residents brought up at the meeting needed to be addressed.

But "I think it's a very creative use of space," said Friedman, in a meeting that started late and ended near midnight. "It's also a creative use of the excitement people have about (El Cerrito) Plaza."

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## Closed

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enough real estate in the city to support the 65,000-square-foot and larger mega-stores the companies demand. "We're all built out," he said. "It's hard to find that kind of room here. But we're still working and talking with (grocery stores). We're not giving up."

If the dwindling number of grocery stores makes it tough for residents to get their shopping done, there is another, more serious cost.

A 2002 study by the University of North Carolina links an increase in diabetes and heart disease in urban areas to a lack of access to healthy foods, fresh fruit and vegetables. The more supermarkets a neighborhood has, the more fruits and vegetables its residents eat, the study's authors say.

That was found to be particularly true in predominantly black neighborhoods. Only 8 percent of black participants lived near a supermarket, compared to 31 percent of white partici-

pants. The largely white neighborhoods had, on average, five times as many supermarkets as the black neighborhoods, the researchers found.

The study also showed white participants had three times the access to automobiles as blacks, indicating the distance from a supermarket can be particularly devastating in largely black neighborhoods.

Since merging with American Stores Company — the parent company of Lucky's markets — Albertson's has gone from having 2,470 stores across 37 states to 2,300 stores in 31. Its work force has shrunk by 18,000.

Earnings have dropped from \$36 billion in 2002 to \$9.11 billion last year, according to Hoover's market analysts. An extended labor strike involving 60,000 workers is blamed for the chain's declining revenues in the first quarter of 2004, although the company's income was 75 percent higher than analysts had predicted.

CEO and president Larry

Johnston has said challenges last year included "a recovering U.S. economy, a more competitive marketplace for food and drug retailers (and) a labor dispute of historic proportions." The company is expected to continue slashing costs as it competes with big-box retailers such as Wal-Mart, a trend in the \$775 billion industry.

Richmond has tried and failed to attract new supermarkets to its rapidly developing areas.

Albertson's and Safeway declined repeated requests to move into a planned mall near the Richmond Parkway, saying the numbers wouldn't support a site. City officials also had no success

persuading Andronico's, Whole Foods, Kroger's and other large, mid-size and smaller grocery stores to move here.

Industry spokesmen commonly say they don't put stores on a waterfront, and that they need 360 degrees of residential development encircling them. But grocery stores abound in Sausalito, Tiburon, San Rafael and other waterfront communities. There also is a mega-Safeway about two blocks from the Bay in San Francisco's Marina District.

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## CDs

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requires a postage-paid return mailer to be included with unsolicited CDs and 48-hour self-erasing DVDs soon to be on the market.

AOL spokesman Nicholas Graham said he was familiar with the no-more-a-cds effort and the company will help the duo reach their 1 million disc goal.

"If they want to come on trucks, we'll be happy to leave directions, happy to leave the light on for them and happy to meet them on the front door," Graham said. "I just have the feeling it'll take a few more years."

At the same time, however, the company opposes Hancock's bill that would require a postage-paid return mailer with the unsolicited discs. Graham called it an "unfair and punitive California tax on Internet software."

"I think we're very concerned that it will have untold and un-

foreseen consequences for California consumers and medium-size businesses in California, that rely on this to provide their service."

Hancock maintains small businesses use the marketing.

"It used to be that they dumped chemicals into the river after they made something. We don't do anymore," Hancock said. "It's a cost of doing business, care of your waste."

Lieberman and Mok testified at a committee April 27, before the bill goes to the assembly in May.

What does Lieberman think of all this? Well, he has one yet.

"I have yet to find a CD who finds a huge amount of CDs an aphrodisiac, but I think," he said.

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only four offers were made  
in Oakland, Calif. Three  
offers were presented directly  
to the sellers and their agent by the  
agents.

fourth offer was simply faxed  
to the listing agent. This buyer's  
agent was not available to represent  
the buyer's best interests. She did  
not speak to the listing agent  
before faxing the offer. As  
expected, the faxed offer  
was rejected.

any offer is presented to a  
listing agent, it can do a lot to affect the out-  
come. Sellers usually feel more  
comfortable accepting an offer if  
they are confident that the buyers  
are qualified to perform and eager  
to complete the transaction.

listing agent presents the  
offer in person, the seller  
has the opportunity to gather infor-  
mation that could influence a pos-  
sible decision.

presentation, on the  
other hand, is far less personal. At  
the very least, the buyer's agent should  
attend a conference-call pre-

sentation before your offer is  
made so that you find out how

your agent intends to handle the  
presentation. Your best bet is for  
your agent to present your offer to  
the sellers in person. This may not  
be possible if the sellers have told  
their agent that they don't want to  
be present.

In this case, ask your agent to  
make arrangements to present your  
offer directly to the listing agent. At  
least this gives your agent the op-  
portunity to present your case and  
to make sure that there are no  
questions left unanswered.

Sellers who don't want to hear  
offers personally should make sure  
that their agent is available to meet  
with the buyer's agent to review the  
offer. This is not only a professional  
courtesy — since the buyers and  
their agent have put time and effort  
into the endeavor — but it enables  
your agent to better screen the offer  
for you.

Even though it's preferable to  
have in-person presentations,  
sometimes the listing agent prefers  
that offers be dropped off at the list-  
ing office in a sealed envelope. If  
you find that this is the case, ask  
your agent to prepare a summary to  
accompany your offer.

This summary should tell the  
seller something about you and it  
should highlight the positive aspects  
of your offer.

Having offers dropped off in  
sealed envelopes can also do the



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the buyers are  
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seller a disservice, particularly if mul-  
tiple offers come in. One way the  
listing agent can keep track of how  
many interested buyers there are is  
by letting buyer's agents know in  
advance that offers will be pre-  
sented in person.

This forces buyer's agents to  
make an appointment with the list-  
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listing agent is then able to keep

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## Real Estate Spotlight:

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walls are rare, combed redwood. There are two large fireplaces. A very large patio and deck enjoy fab-  
ulous sunsets and breathtaking views.

Price: \$1,950,000.

Agent: Diane Ohlsson, Red Oak Realty, Berkeley, 510-280-2139, [www.redoakrealty.com](http://www.redoakrealty.com).

## What's in a name?

least agent by any  
name...

play, Romeo and Juliet  
Shakespeare wrote, "What's  
in a name? That which we call a  
rose by any other name would  
be sweet." Well, maybe not,  
according to the National Asso-

ciation of Realtors, the US Patent  
and Trademark Trial and Appeal  
Board ruled that the terms Realtor  
and Realtors are not generic words.  
The judges made the affirmative  
finding that the terms are not gen-  
eral or synonymous with terms such  
as real estate agent.

The decision denied a legal dis-  
pute, the most recent in a series of  
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tate salesperson is a Realtor.

You may have heard the words  
agent, broker, Realtor and Realist.  
In the simplest of terms (not an easy  
feat), I would like to explain the dif-  
ferences and the commonalities.

To become a real estate agent  
(salesperson) one must take

classes, complete extensive study  
and sit for an exam, administered  
by the Department of Real Estate  
(DRE). After passing the exam,  
there are more required courses  
and then a continuing education  
curriculum in order to maintain a li-  
cense. After being licensed by the  
DRE, a salesperson is one who for

compensation is employed by a li-  
censed real estate broker.

After becoming experienced in  
the business, an agent may be-  
come a broker. To do this there are  
more required classes to be taken  
and more studying to prepare for  
the Broker's Exam. After passing  
the exam the DRE issues a real es-



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tate broker's license. A broker is  
one who negotiates the purchase,  
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Real estate agents and brokers

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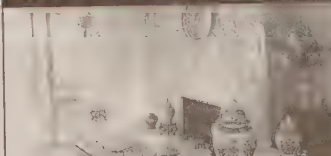
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Upstairs, the master suite with its romantic balcony overlooking the bay has a bath with a large spa, bay views and a glassed-in double shower. The spacious second bedroom has its own bath. On the lower level are a third big bedroom, a full bath, an office/studio space, a paneled den that opens to a lower deck and the garden, a large laundry area with a laundry chute and a storage room/wine cellar. Close to many parks, the "Gourmet Ghetto" and the U.C. campus, plus commute routes to SF.

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**Realtor**

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must follow the *Business and Professions Code*.

Most agents and brokers join a local association of Realtors, such as the Oakland, Alameda or Berkeley associations of Realtors. With this membership they become members of the California Association of Realtors (CAR) and the National Association of Realtors (NAR). Members of these trade organiza-

tions are called Realtors. The organizations strive to help members remain informed on issues affecting real estate and promote the preservation of real property rights. Members must adhere to the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice of the NAR, which establishes an obligation higher than those mandated by law.

Also protected by trademark is the designation of Realtist. Realtists belong to the trade association called the Associated Real Property Brokers (ARPB). Members of ARPB are also members of the California Association of Real Estate Brokers

(CAREB) and the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB).

Principally, African American and other minority real estate licensees make up these associations. They also abide by a strict code of ethics. Their primary mission is to promote equal housing opportunities.

Now put on your thinking caps. Every Realtor and Realtist is also either a licensed real estate agent or broker. Not every real estate agent and broker is a Realtist or a Realtor. A Realtor may also be a Realtist and vice-versa. Here's hoping I cleared up any confusion regarding these terms. A rose is a rose.

**Hymer**

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everyone who's interested informed about how many offers are anticipated. This helps buyers strategize and can actually get a better price for the seller.

When offers are simply dropped off in a sealed envelope, the listing

agent often doesn't know how many offers to expect.

No matter how your offer is presented, you can improve your chances by including a copy of a preapproval letter, or at least a prequalification letter. Also, if there's a seller disclosure package available, you'll have more clout with the seller if your agent can say that you've read and received this before you make your offer.

Some buyers, particularly in multiple-offer presentations, write a letter to the seller to personalize their offer. This can also have a positive impact on the seller.

**THE CLOSING:** However, the most sincere letter will carry little weight if you're not financially qualified, or if your price is too low.

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**Understanding the language of invest**

Stocks and bonds could be considered the basic building blocks of an investment portfolio. You have most likely heard of stocks and bonds before, but there is a whole world of investment opportunities beyond these two basic investments. Sometimes the financial world seems to have a language of its own. Fortunately though, there are many resources available to help you understand what it all means. To get you started, here are a few of the most common terms you might hear and what they mean.

**Asset Class** — a term used for categorizing different types of investments. There are basically three asset classes: stocks, bonds and cash.

**Asset Allocation** — the process of selecting and blending investments from different asset categories to reduce investment risk and reach long-term investment goals. This refers to how much of your money you put into stocks, bonds and cash equivalents (such as checking accounts, money market funds and CDs). Proper allocation keeps your money spread over different types of investments, so if one particular type is struggling, the other types could still be doing well.

**Diversification** — the process of deciding what mix of investments to own within each asset category. After you have determined the proper asset allocation for your investments, diversification helps you spread your investments out even further. Owning stock in companies from a wide variety of industries, for example, puts you in position to see possible benefits from

moves in different sectors of the economy.

**Blue chip** — a term typically used to refer to the common stock of a company known nationally for the quality of its products or services. Such companies generally have a long history of sustained earnings and dividend payments.

**Dividend** — when a company decides to share profits with investors, it usually pays a dividend to stockholders. The company's board of directors decides when these payments are made, and how much they will be, but typically dividends are paid on a quarterly basis in the form of cash or additional stock in the company.

**Commodity** — as opposed to stocks and bonds, which are simply valuable pieces of paper, these can include tangible products that are traded on an authorized commodity exchange. There are many different types of commodities, including agricultural products, metals, and petroleum. Foreign currencies and financial instruments and indexes can also be considered commodities.

Hopefully now you have a little better understanding of some of the basic terms associated with investments. In addition to knowing about these options, it may be helpful to know where you can find some of these investment vehicles. Rather than just going out and searching, there are many markets and systems set up to help investors with the process of buying and selling.

**Exchange** — a system for the organized trading of securities. There are several major exchanges



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Money Matters

In the United States, the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, the Board Options Exchange, and regional exchanges throughout the country also trade securities.

**Over-the-counter** — highly sophisticated transactions network on which trade securities that are not on any exchange. All stocks and bonds are listed on OTC network.

**Nasdaq** — an electronic information network that provides quotes on many securities over-the-counter securities.

While understanding the should help give you a better there is plenty more to be in the world of investments. great way to educate yourself, speak with someone who versed in the language. A consultant can take the time to explain what everything means, help you make decisions to meet your own personal

Leila Gough is an Associate President, Investments with Edwards, member SIPC. She can be reached at 8606.

**'Spring Open Home Festival' this Sunday**

COLDWELL BANKER

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage will be hosting a Spring Open Home Festival this Sunday. Those who attend will have the opportunity to tour hundreds of open homes and will be invited to enter a drawing to win one of three \$500 gift cards from Smith & Hawken. The drawing will be held Wednesday, April 28.

The spring season is typically the time of year when the real estate market begins to heat up. For several months now, Bay Area homebuyers have been experiencing a low inventory due to the decrease of available homes on the market.

Both the low inventory and low

interest rates have attracted many buyers and sellers to the market and have caused many homes to go into multiple offer situations. Bay Area home sales are expected to remain brisk, especially since inventories are steadily beginning to rise, creating more opportunities for homebuyers.

Coldwell Banker Northern California experienced a strong first quarter and projects its spring quarter sales to remain strong.

Coldwell Banker San Francisco Bay Area President and Chief Operating Officer Avram Goldman believes that this spring season is a perfect time for those looking for their dream home to attend the Open Home Spring Festival.

"We'll have hundreds of homes throughout the Bay Area. Northern California - open home buyers to preview the exciting event we do each accomplish our number one goal - bringing homebuyers to the market," said Goldman.

"Whether you're looking for your new dream home, we invite you to join the Banker for our Spring Open Home Festival and experience the well Banker difference."

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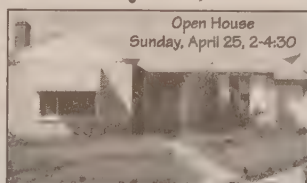


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# Good ideas slow to catch on

In the past, I have written about the slow pace of hourly consulting and brokerage. Now, years later, the concepts remain underutilized and misunderstood by the public. Real estate agents, however, are now, or plan to be, involved in a real estate transaction, and would educate yourself about consulting and buyer brokerage to see if either is for you.



**DON DUNNING**  
What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

If you are now, or plan to be, involved in a real estate transaction, you should educate yourself about hourly consulting and buyer brokerage to see if either is for you.

the buyer usually pays less because of it. (See my articles, "Consultant or Agent?" and "Understanding Agency" on my Web site, [www.east-bay-realtor.com](http://www.east-bay-realtor.com))

## Buyer representation

If you are a traditional buyer looking at listed properties (which most homes are), hourly consulting is not the answer.

There is, however, another approach that is definitely worth exploring: buyer representation. It is not unusual, in this seller's market, for a Realtor to work with the same buyer from six months to well over a year before successfully closing escrow.

Buyer representation is desirable because it indicates a high level of commitment on the agent's part as well as the buyer's. Serious buyers want excellent agents; top agents want serious buyers. Establishing this relationship in writing is logical and intelligent.

In our local area, all sellers who advertise on the Multiple Listing Service first sign a contract called a

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# Sunday's 'Secret Gardens' tour will inspire, delight

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The Secret Gardens of the East Bay tour is rich in gardens by noted landscape designers, containing interesting historic and artistic elements.

Ten notable private gardens invite you to gather ideas and inspiration from a diverse selection of garden statements from the small, personal expression to the grand, historic narrative; from California native plants to South African tropicals, and from shady creeks to sunny slopes.

This year's tour will be held Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

The tour offers some of the most delightful and intriguing East Bay gardens with something for everyone in this year's offerings.

Tickets are \$45 per person; the price includes a map for a

self-guided tour of the private gardens and a keepsake booklet with detailed descriptions of each garden. Tickets also include talks by garden experts held on the school grounds during lunch-time.

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# Seminar for brokers

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"Gerry will give you an upbeat, optimistic game plan to help you live a richer, fuller life," says Zig Ziglar. Seminar is April 28th from 1-4 pm in the East Bay. Sign up by contacting Corbina Mancuso, mortgage consultant with Tri-Bay Financial at 510-282-5005.

# A look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

## FOR THE PUBLIC

### Modern

See the "Emergence of the Modern in Alameda Architecture: From The Bungalow To The Rancher" by Woody Minor on Thursday, April 29. Copies of his books and heritage Area pamphlets will be available at the lecture. In the gallery, see the seventh annual "Kids & Queen Victoria," a show by elementary students studying Alameda History and architecture. Call 510-748-0796.

### Free Workshops

■ "Your First Home Purchase"

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■ Investors are invited to the East Bay Bus Tour, tomorrow. Learn of potential investment opportunities. Visit a wide assortment of investment properties for sale. You can RSVP by calling (510) 530-4042

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■ "How To Buy Your First or Next Home" is held on April 28. Learn current market trends and what documents are needed. Get pre-approved. Reserve a place by calling the reservation line at 510-888-2105.

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## The Kessler Family Singers: Real estate for a song

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About 5 years ago we had a listing on a delightful little house up on a hill in El Cerrito. After absorbing the words to a song, I decided to describe it in advertising with the words to a song. "It's a good day for singing a song, a good day for movin' along."

As I worked on the flyer for this house, choosing words to best illustrate it — birds singing,

sharp, Scott and Terrell stood on the small front porch of the brown shingled house in El Cerrito. As they sang out, they bobbed and swayed and laughed.

Terrell was dressed that morning all in yellow, and Scott wore a straw hat and yellow tie. They looked as bright and cheerful as the words of the song.

Agents drove up in front of the house, stopped their cars, got out and looked to see where the music was coming from. Many

the date, mid-day in late June, should be ideal for sun and lunching, too; and access to the house is by a pretty footpath. Out



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Anet and I dubbed them The Kessler Family Singers, Kessler being their last name, and ever since we've been urging a return engagement. But the houses since didn't seem the right ones, or the weather was poor for outdoor singing, or our friends' schedules prevented their appearance. Until now.

trees greening, deer live here — I hummed the song and added more of the lines. "Everything to gain and nothin' to lose, a good day from mornin' to night."

It occurred to me that we should have that song at our agent open house. But in what form?

Anet and I talked this over, thought of playing a recorded version, then hit on a better idea. "Let's ask Scott and Terrell if they'll sing the song live — on the front porch! Hey!"

Our very good friends were willing, enthusiastic even, and so, after the 4 of us had enjoyed an evening of life-talking, eating and drinking, we sang several times together, rather rambunctiously. "It's a good day." And the date was booked.

On a Thursday morning a couple of weeks later, at 9:30

looked surprised, many looked pleased, and a few, as soon as they recognized the song, sang it, too. It was terrific.

We had so much fun that day. As people arrived singly and in groups, our friends repeated the song over and over again. Only briefly did they pause, usually when we were introducing them to visitors.

Afterwards, Anet and I dubbed them The Kessler Family Singers, Kessler being their last name, and ever since we've been urging a return engagement. But the houses since didn't seem the right ones, or the weather was poor for outdoor singing, or our friends' schedules prevented their appearance. Until now.

We think we've got the perfect singing combination coming up. It's a cheerful house with sunny side and back gardens;

on the street where agents will park, song may be heard floating on the air.

Anet and I asked Terrell and Scott to join us a few days ago for dinner and song selection. We described the house, its charms and location to our friends, and the date we expect to need them to sing.

Then Terrell and I each took a songbook, and we flipped the pages and called out titles. Whenever any one of us recognized a title, when someone shouted "I love that song," we'd all try to sing it.

Sometimes only one of us knew the words, a lot of the time nobody could remember the tune, or knew only the chorus, but none of this mattered. We had a wonderful time.

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## The British connection

■ Trends in adaptive reuse from Great Britain to the East Bay

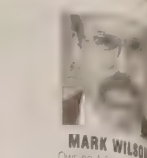
In my last column, I discussed some examples of adaptive reuse of historic hotels in the East Bay, and historic structures in London that had been converted into luxury hotels. In this column, I will look at some recent adaptive reuse of historic or older buildings in Berkeley and in London that have been converted into successful restaurants or cafes.

The corridor of downtown Berkeley along Shattuck Avenue is famous for having popular pubs and eateries that cater to the student population, and to more discriminating diners, sometimes simultaneously. The new restaurant "Downtown," at 2102 Shattuck Avenue and Addison Street, is one such estab-

lishment. It occupies the ground floor of an elegant multi-story commercial building, the Francis Shattuck Building.

The Shattuck building was constructed in 1901, and is one of the oldest remaining buildings standing along Shattuck Avenue. It was declared a Berkeley City Landmark in 1995, and in 1997 a complete renovation was begun which remodeled the interior spaces, and added a turret at the corner.

The corner space had been used as a sales office for Mason McDuffie Real Estate in the 1920s and '30s and a Gallenkamp Shoe store in the 1960s to the '80s. Then San Francisco architect John Haley was hired to create a new restaurant in 2000. He opened up and lightened up the space by removing a false ceiling, and created a free flowing floor plan the employed a Post Modern style decor,



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Owning A Restaurant

while retaining such original features as the old brick wall in the dining room, and the tall windows along the street. Finally, the town Restaurant opened in 2001, and has been a popular place for people looking for fine wines, and jazz music to accompany their meals.

Just a half block west of Addison St., is a very different kind of eatery created out of a commercial building. The Cafe is a Brazilian-themed establishment, (its name comes from the unique Afro-Brazilian arts and dance)

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## Marvin Windows seminar tomorrow

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Truitt & White continues its series of free seminars. "Watertight Installations with Marvin Windows" will be held tomorrow from 9 to 11 a.m. Have you always wondered what was the right way to ensure a watertight window in-

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## Dunning

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Listing Agreement. There is a similar form for buyers, called a "Buyer-Broker Agreement," that is used regularly in most of the U.S., but not in our area.

The Buyer-Broker Agreement explains the relationship between the agent and the buyer. It sets forth responsibilities for each. This agreement has a time limit, as do all real estate contracts.

Some buyers have a concern about being trapped for a specified time in a signed contract. I handle this by inserting a clause allowing either the buyer or myself to cancel with 24 hours notice.

What is also different and off-putting to some buyers is the responsibility to pay the agent a commission if he does not receive it from the seller (e.g., a For Sale By Owner). In the vast majority of transactions, the seller pays and this is not an issue. Although it is not common, in a Buyer-Broker Agreement the agent could be compensated

on an hourly basis. (See my "Buyer Representation Sense" on my Web site [bay-realtor.com](http://bay-realtor.com))

**Final thoughts:** Hourly or buyer representation be right for you. Talk to an experienced Realtor who understands what these are and offers a regular basis.

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tarpo

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There was quite a bit of silliness, sessions of alternate lyrics that better suit a house for sale. "I'll write myself a letter," for example, instead of "I'll write myself a letter." Most of the songs that appeared on the list were because they're so close to the house is, because the words suggest a

possible reaction to it. "I took one look at you, that's all I meant to do, and then my heart stood still." We agreed that the song should be snappy, and warm, a happy tune for agents to carry away with them, something to remember the house by and to carry to their clients. "Hot diggity dog ziggity, boom! What you do to me!" Also, "You do something to me" and "Ain't she sweet? ... Oh, me! Oh, my ain't that perfection?" This fun madness went on for some hours with each of us declar-

ing our favorite tunes, and we made lengthy lists of possibilities. We don't know yet if Scott and Terrell will stick to just one song as they did at the other house, or if they might perform a wider repertoire. I think we must get together for at least one more session, maybe several, before we decide. I love singing, and I can't wait.

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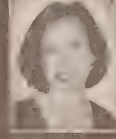
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1146 Francisco

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## Wilson

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This Mediterranean style structure was built circa 1925 to 1935, and was used for many decades as an auto repair and mechanic's garage.

When the auto repair shop closed about 10 years ago, a Brazilian businessman acquired the structure, and renovated the interior to make it into a space for teaching Capoeira classes. The cathedral ceiling, with its open wooden beaming and cross struts was retained. New hardwood floors were installed for the dance classes.

Then a few years ago, the owner remodeled the front portion of the building to create a new cafe where students, teachers and office workers could have inexpensive meals in an informal setting. Now gourmet coffees, sweets, and freshly made sandwiches can be enjoyed here while watching the Capoeira classes in the back of the building.

The Gourmet Ghetto is a term referring to that district of North Berkeley along Shattuck Avenue where upscale restaurants and cafes outnumber other businesses. One of the most popular of these is a tapas bar called Cesar, at 1515 Shattuck Ave. It is a local version of Spanish tapas bars, where a wide variety of delicious appetizers, coupled with premium wines, can be selected to create a meal, or just have light refreshments.

Cesar occupies a small, mid-20th Century retail building that previously housed a cleaners. In 1997, a group of restaurateurs bought the building and hired architect John Holey to remodel it into a tapas bar.

He gutted the interior and designed a totally new space with a bar along one side, and room for large tables adjacent to it. The exterior was redone also, with tall Arts-and-Crafts inspired wood casement windows that opened out onto Shattuck Avenue on warm days.

It's a long way from North Berkeley to Berkeley Square in London. Just off that famed plaza in London's west end is a superb example of the new London trend towards fine restaurants serving various world cuisines in elegant settings.

The restaurant scene in London has improved remarkably over the past few years, and many of these posh eateries are housed in renovated older buildings.

The Berkeley Square Cafe opened in April of 2003, in a two story former retail space built about 50 years ago. It is the creation of three Irish partners, who decided to remodel the interior into two large open spaces, with high ceilings, lots of space between tables, and fine modern paintings on the walls.

Their concept was to serve modern British and continental foods with a Mediterranean flavor, and cater to the business people who work in the area and want good food at reasonable prices. Their success in achieving this goal was validated when "The Good Food Guide" named the Berkeley Street Cafe "London's new restaurant of the year" in 2003.

In the fashionable Mayfair District, at 78 Westbourne Grove, is another trendy new London restaurant with an unusual theme. "Harlem," as its name implies, is an American soul food cafe and bar. It is the brainchild of New

This magnificent Beaux Arts style edifice was built in 1912, and it had the distinction of being the most expensive bank building in Great Britain up until that time. When you walk into Just St. James, you can see why this was true. When the interior was remodeled, the new owners wisely incorporated all of the handsome original Beaux Arts features: massive marble columns, the tall round arched wood framed windows, and soaring open ceilings.

Yorker Arthur Baker, a renowned music producer whose clients include Bob Dylan, David Bowie, and the Rolling Stones.

After moving to London, Mr. Baker decided that he needed to create a place where he and his friends could have "comfort food", like barbecued ribs, cornbread, and candied yams.

The building Mr. Baker chose for his new cafe was built in the early 19th Century, and had been a retail shop with flats above it. He hired the London architect Paul Daly to remodel the interior, and he decided to keep most of the original historic features on the ground floor, such as the stamped metal ceiling, brick walls, and cast iron columns.

A new, state-of-the-art bar was built along one wall upstairs. Downstairs was turned into a dance club, one of the few in London with a "3 a.m. license."

The Harlem Cafe was opened in December 2003, and it has proven to be a popular hangout with young Londoners and home-sick Americans alike.

Just off Piccadilly, at 12 St. James Street, is an upscale new restaurant in a truly stunning setting. The Just St. James Restaurant was opened in November of 2000, in a building that was formerly a Lloyd's of London Bank. This magnificent Beaux Arts style edifice was built in 1912, and it had the distinction of being the most expensive bank building in

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As soon as you walk inside Just St. James, you can see why this was true. When the interior was remodeled into a restaurant, the new owners wisely incorporated all of the handsome original Beaux Arts features, such as the massive marble columns, the tall round arched wood framed windows, and soaring open ceilings. A sumptuous full bar, a curved staircase, a glass enclosed elevator, and a mezzanine level for extra dining were added.

Today, diners at Just St. James can choose excellent continental dishes from an a la carte menu, or a full dinner selection. Besides good French, Spanish, Italian, Chilean, and California wines, there are a number of new British wines offered, (yes, British wines have improved in recent years, along with the restaurant scene).

In my next column, I will discuss the surprising architectural similarities between two far-flung cities: Oakland, California, and Cardiff, Wales.

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### ■ Tips on fertilizing your garden

Q. For a vegetable garden, my gardening book suggested adding chicken manure, lime and vegetable fertilizer. My garden is about 50 square feet, so I purchased two bags of composted chicken manure, five pounds of hydrated lime and vegetable fertilizer. The fellow helping me suggested I should wait two to four weeks before planting the vegetable seedlings, because the chicken manure is considered "hot" manure. What's "hot" manure? How long do you think I should wait before planting?

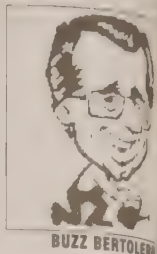
A. Hot manure is new organic matter that is still releasing organic

chemicals. These naturally occurring chemicals will burn and damage young seedling plants. The manure from sheep, horses and chickens should be aged or composted before planting in it.

The commercial manures sold in bags have already been aged so it's not necessary to wait before planting but it doesn't hurt to wait. I'm going to wonder out loud about your vegetable garden soil recipe.

I'm surprised the recipe failed to mention home made compost or other organic matter other than animal manure.

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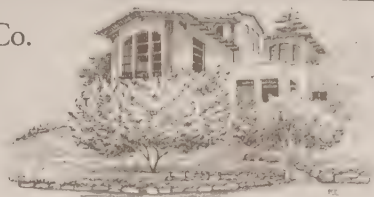
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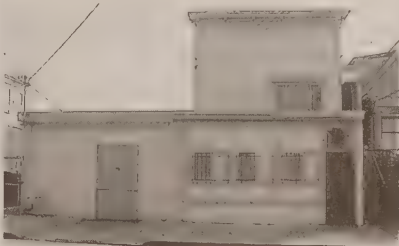
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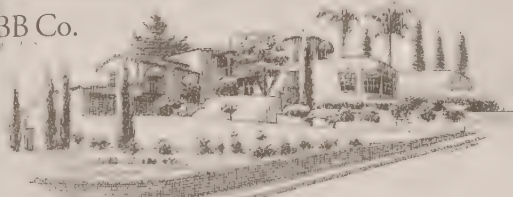


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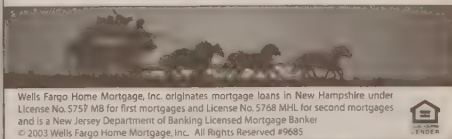
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Q. My fountain grass has turned brown. How far back can I prune it? Also when will they be nice and full again?

A. Fountain grass is pruned down to the ground. The new growth will appear at the base of the clump, as the days get longer and warmer. After Memorial Day, the growth rate will accelerate and the plant should reach full size by mid-July. Now this all depend on the weather. You can encourage the new growth with a hand full or two of 16-16-16 around the drip line in March.

Q. Last spring, I planted two 5-foot-tall wisterias, into a container about the size of a 5-gallon pot. I wanted them to climb over and cover an arbor. They were watered once week. At the end of the growing season, they showed almost no new growth. Boy, was I disappointed. How do I go about pruning them now for more growth this year?

A. Pruning is not the answer to your problem. Wisterias are aggressive and rapidly spreading vine. Pruning controls the growth but it doesn't stimulate it. Your watering schedule wasn't adequate enough last years. You accelerate the growth with more frequent watering when the temperatures were over 75 degrees. Watering container plants every other day with new plantings and every day after the second growing season is typical.

The water must flow out the bottom of the container otherwise root rot becomes a problem. This as-

sumes that the pot size is adequate enough for the plant. In your case, it's not. Wisteria become root bound quickly in a five-gallon size pot. The pot size is critical as this is not a short-term planting. There is a direct relationship between the amount of top growth and the root mass necessary to support itself. The bigger the root mass the less soil there is in a container. With less soil, water stress becomes more severe when the days become longer and warmer. I would replant the Wisterias into pots the size of a wine barrel or larger.

A container with detachable sides would be ideal; however, it would have to be custom built. The detachable side container allows you to keep the plants thriving, indefinitely in the same container. Every two to three years, you would remove the sides, reduce the root

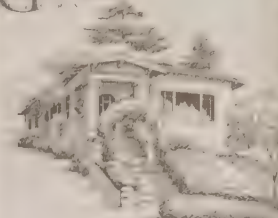
mass by root pruning and add fresh soil. It's nearly impossible to root prune a wisteria or any other vining, container plant without cutting off all the top growth. How else would one be able to slide the plant out of the existing pot?

I would also revisit if you need two plants. A single Wisteria plant should cover 300 square feet (10x30). For nutrient replenishment I would apply Osmocote twice a year four months apart. Osmocote will release little bit of fertilizer with every watering.

Buzz Bertolero is Executive Vice President of Navlet's Garden Centers and a California Certified Nursery Professional. His web address is [www.dirtgardener.com](http://www.dirtgardener.com) and you can send questions by email at [dirtgardener@aol.com](mailto:dirtgardener@aol.com) or to 360 Civic Drive Ste. D, Pleasant Hill, Calif. 94523

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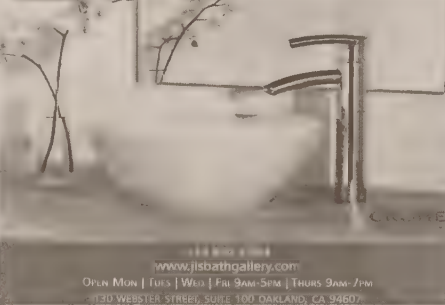
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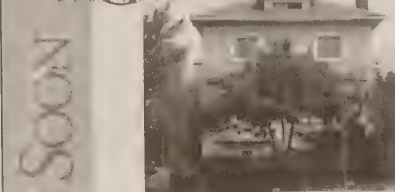


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**FRESH & STYLISH MONTCLAIR HOME.** Situated in a peaceful wooded setting across from swim and tennis club. Completely renovated 3 years ago with 3bd/2.5ba, FR, office, 3 decks and potential for yard.

### LAFAYETTE \$1,500,000



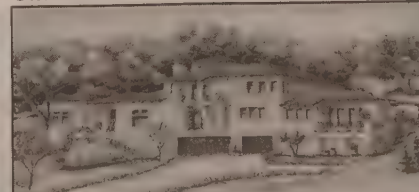
**NOT ON MLS.** New construction/remodel. Mediterranean-style home with 3200+-sf, 4bd/3ba, office, large and mostly flat yard, top-of-the-line workmanship and material all on 0.61+- acre lot.

### BERKELEY \$999,000



**INCREDIBLE GOLDEN GATE & BAY VIEWS.** An Inspirational modern home by Louise Rigg with 4bd/3ba, 2563+-sf, redwood paneled walls, open beam ceilings, abundant windows and 3 decks.

### OAKLAND \$749,500



**FANTASTIC LOT WITH VIEWS.** 1.8+- acre oak studded parcel in the Oakland Hills with panoramic and inspirational views of rolling green hills, the bay and San Francisco city lights. Great investment.

### ORINDA \$1,475,000



**FABULOUS ENTERTAINING HOME.** Gorgeous gardens and enchanting yard with pool. Private and quiet street, exceptional 4bd/3ba plus guest house. Walls of glass leave home light and open.

### ORINDA \$949,000



**SET IN THE ORINDA HILLS.** This lovely and freshly updated 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in the Orinda Hills overlooks Lake Cascade and features private and flat yard with new landscaping.

### PLEASANT HILL \$555,000



**JUST LISTED.** Enjoy a great yard, pool and stunning views from this smart and unique 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Located on terrific street with lots of charm. Ready to move right in.

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## WEEKLY SALES

## ALAMEDA

1618 6th St - \$485,000  
 2160 Buena Vista Av - \$660,000  
 1230 Clarke Ln - \$595,000  
 1819 Elm St - \$550,000  
 2119 Encinal Av - \$450,000  
 921 Grand St - \$1,350,000  
 1007 Kingston Ln - \$472,000  
 1833 San Antonio Av - \$660,000  
 2101 Shoreline 461 - \$381,500  
 2821 Yosemite Av - \$540,000

## ALBANY

918 Cerrito St - \$410,000  
 516 Evelyn Av - \$669,000  
 525 Jackson St #A - \$500,000  
 1124 Key Route Bl - \$150,000  
 535 Pierce St #3210 - \$360,000  
 555 Pierce St #609 - \$347,000

## BERKELEY

1828 62nd St - \$500,000  
 1623 Beverly Pl - \$703,000  
 1241 Cedar St - \$470,000  
 1833 Channing Wy - \$525,000  
 1046 Cragmont Av - \$740,000  
 2012 Delaware St #A - \$446,000  
 141 Fairlawn Dr - \$725,000  
 1213 Francisco St - \$490,000  
 2741 Garber St #1 - \$350,000  
 1220 Haskell St - \$540,000  
 1231 Oregon St - \$385,000  
 2406 Roosevelt Av - \$519,000  
 1874 San Juan Av - \$859,000  
 2951 Shasta Rd - \$670,000  
 1209 Spruce St - \$885,000  
 1447 Summit Rd - \$750,000

## EL CERRITO

995 Arlington Bl - \$1,200,000  
 6707 Canyon Trail - \$415,000  
 1452 Club View Ct - \$280,000  
 8653 Don Carol Dr - \$616,000  
 15 Ramona Av - \$545,000  
 7992 Terrace Dr - \$585,500

## EL SOBRANTE

409 Joan Vista St - \$212,500  
 627 Lois Ln - \$562,000  
 1111 Mitchell Wy - \$400,000

## EMERYVILLE

4 Admiral B332 - \$239,000  
 7 Commodore A362 - \$230,000  
 1500 Park 335 - \$389,000

## KENSINGTON

14 Anson Wy - \$719,000  
 5 Kerr Av - \$800,000  
 23 Kingston Rd - \$685,000  
 57 Rincon Rd - \$710,000

## OAKLAND

1239 105th Av - \$295,000  
 2321 108th Av - \$360,000  
 2445 109th Av - \$306,000  
 655 12th St #214 - \$426,000  
 655 12th St #216 - \$301,000  
 655 12th St #217 - \$324,000  
 1124 61st Av - \$280,000  
 1320 62nd Av - \$273,500  
 2234 62nd Av - \$205,000  
 2339 63rd Av - \$300,000  
 2141 65th Av - \$281,500  
 2689 67th Av - \$285,000  
 2751 74th Av - \$191,000  
 3044 75th Av - \$345,000  
 2021 7th Av - \$587,000  
 181 7th St - \$470,000  
 3233 82nd Av - \$490,000  
 2228 87th Av - \$280,000  
 1009 9th Av - \$315,000  
 572 9th St - \$420,000  
 3024 Arizona St - \$650,000  
 5910 Ascot Dr - \$750,000  
 6826 Avenal Av - \$283,000  
 94 Bayo Vista 306 - \$260,000  
 6317 Broadway Tr - \$676,000  
 5925 Broadway - \$689,000  
 3607 Brookdale Av - \$385,000  
 36 Buckeye Av - \$790,000  
 320 Caldecott 231 - \$395,000

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## ADVANTAGES

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## WHO

■ Ira and Carol Serkes of RE/Max Executive in Berkeley are the proud owners of a moving van. Use of the "berkeleyhomes.com van" is available free to clients and charitable organizations. Others can earn use of the van by contributing to a local elementary school. Call for reservations and restrictions at 510-526-6668.

■ Alameda Mortgage Consultant Denise Sonnier made a move. She now hangs her hat with Pacific Mortgage Consultants. Sonier is also an officer with the Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter. To say good luck call 510-521-7844

## WHAT?

Changing locations? Putting on a seminar? Information deadline is two weeks before the event. Send an email to [bobbierid@mind-spring.com](mailto:bobbierid@mind-spring.com). Fax your info to me at 510-441-7191.

3021 California St - \$525,000  
 6435 Castle Dr - \$840,000  
 320 Catron Dr - \$380,000  
 3945 Cerrito Av - \$575,000  
 4735 Congress Av - \$495,000  
 2315 Damuth St - \$485,000  
 649 Douglas Av - \$363,500  
 2911 East 16th St - \$630,000  
 1220 East 18th St - \$240,000  
 1240 East 20th St - \$270,000  
 1648 East 21st St - \$245,000  
 2922 East 22nd St - \$570,000  
 9664 Elmview Dr - \$255,000

3858 Fairway Av - \$535,000  
 2019 Foothill Bl - \$325,000  
 652 Haddon Rd - \$685,000  
 7619 Hamilton St - \$229,000  
 7 Hillcrest Ct - \$672,000  
 5214 Hillen Dr - \$375,000  
 3877 Howe 211 - \$350,000  
 151 Lakeside Dr - \$188,000  
 3790 Latimer Pl - \$415,000  
 9979 Lawlor St - \$362,000  
 6630 MacArthur 13 - \$150,000

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OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2-4:30PM



6585 Swainland Road, Oakland

Stunning Contemporary with Traditional details. New construction featuring over 5,500 sq. ft. of gracious living on two levels, plus approx. 1,500 sq. ft. of slate terraces with sweeping S.E. Bay views! Double master suites. Over 1/2 acre lot and 3-car garage.

Offered at \$2,480,000



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OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2-4:30PM

350 Perkins Street #303, Oakland

Lovely, incredibly sunny third-floor unit in a very desirable building in Adams Point. Newly painted and carpeted. Easy access to downtown and Lake Merritt. One bedroom, one bath.

Offered at \$229,000



Kathleen Callahan  
 ASSOCIATE BROKER  
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OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2-4:30PM



6539 Thornhill Drive, Oakland

Charming Montclair home in gorgeous setting. Double lot - approximately 18,000 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and family/office space. Level outdoor areas for entertaining. Detached 2-car garage and off-street parking.

Offered at \$695,000



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## REDWOOD HEIGHTS

OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2-5PM

4224 Detroit Avenue, Oakland

Charming, spacious and sun-filled Spanish Mediterranean with Bay/SF views. Tastefully updated kitchen with new appliances which overlooks private landscaped yard, deck & patio. Elegant living room with large picture window. Privacy abounds. Perfect for entertaining and relaxing.

Offered at \$569,500 "as-is"



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NEW LISTING! REDWOOD HEIGHTS

OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2-5PM

3609 Monterey Boulevard, Oakland

Beautifully maintained and updated English style home with deep lot. Gardener's paradise! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and non-conforming family room. Beautiful hardwood floors, updated kitchen. Has retained its original charm.

Offered at \$629,000

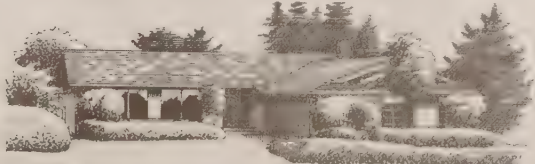


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NEW LISTING! PARKBRIDGE ESTATES

OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2-5PM



5143 Parkridge Drive, Oakland

Bright, all-level 3BR/2BA home on over 1/3 acre lot. Great yard and indoor/outdoor area. You can enjoy nature from the nearby hiking trails or your own back yard.

Offered at \$619,000



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OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2-4:30PM

3966 Quail Ridge Road

Rare Lafayette ridgetop home with sweeping views. Sleek, sophisticated 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, recently remodeled to "Metropolitan Home" style design. Entertainer's delight with easy access to expansive outdoor areas and a black bottom pool. Approximately 1.69 acres, privately situated.

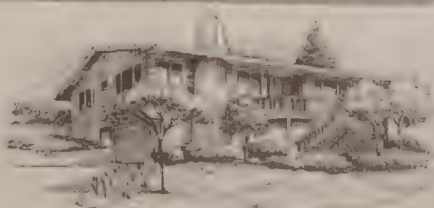
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JUST SOLD! MONTCLAIR



6208 Ruthland Road, Oakland

3 bedrooms, 3 baths  
 Offered at \$779,000



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## NEW LISTING IN OAKLAND HILLS

OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2-4:30PM

4676 Reinhardt Drive, Oakland

Contemporary redesign. Open floor plan, soaring beamed cathedral ceilings and hardwoods. Dramatic upper level master suite with bay views. Kitchen/family space opens to back yard and separate studio. Living room opens to pretty garden and patio/deck.

3 bedrooms, 2 baths



Offered at \$619,000

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## NEW LISTING IN OAKLAND HILLS

OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2-5PM

4801 Davenport Avenue, Oakland

Clean and sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with South Bay views. This wonderful level-in home has charm and many upgrades. The living room has a marble fireplace and hearth, unique sophisticated mantel, home entertainment center and bookshelves. Beautiful updated kitchen with large breakfast room. The downstairs has a fantastic master bedroom suite, newer bathroom with jacuzzi tub and adjoining sitting room. Oversized detached 2-car garage, deck and yard.

Offered at \$559,000



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OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2-4:30PM



148 BONITA AVENUE, PIEDMONT

Exceptionally charming traditional home on coveted tree-lined street in central Piedmont. This 3+ bedroom, 2+ bath home includes elegant formal rooms, a large master suite with sitting area and fireplace. The large and private corner property encompasses a sunny, well landscaped yard and patios.

Offered at \$1,780,000

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COMING SOON



Classic 1950s rancher in private, sun-drenched, 2/3+ acre setting with solar-heated pool, lush lawns, mature landscaping and peek-of-the-bay views. Designer's 4+ bedroom, 3+ bath home with fieldstone fireplaces and vaulted ceilings in living room, dining room and family room. Top finishes and fixtures in kitchen and baths.

Offered at \$1,295,000



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Open Sunday

**MONTCLAIR \$2,480,000**  
148 SWAINLAND RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Stunning new 6BR/4.5BA contemporary with traditional details. Situated on a double lot w/SF/bay views from most rooms. 100+ sq. ft. Stone & wood accents, 3 car garage, terraces. Steven Biasatti x1379

**FAFAYETTE \$1,950,000**  
1466 QUAIL RIDGE RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Rare 4BR/2.5BA ridgetop home w/sweeping views. Sleek, sophisticated recently remodeled to "Metropolitan" style design. Pool, approx. 1.69 acres. Private. Madalyn Mitchell x1385



**PIEDMONT \$1,780,000**  
148 BONITA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Charming 3+BR/2+BA traditional on coveted tree lined street. Elegant formal rooms. Large master suite w/sitting area & fireplace. Large & private corner property w/ landscaped yard. Keith Tollas x1382

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,695,000**  
1338 WAWONA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Stunning property - vision of luxury, 4BR/2.5BA. Approximately .78 acres of park-like grounds w/stunning views. Nancy Newman 510-339-2169 x6209

**UPPER CONTRA RIDGE \$1,189,000**  
6363 CONTRA COSTA RD. (Open 2-5)  
Sophisticated 5+BR/3.5BA home. Fabulous designer kitchen, stunning SF bay views. Near garden & charming patio. Great indoor/outdoor living. Rich Gould x1347

**PIEDMONT price upon request**  
12 KEEPER CT. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Ultra charming 1930s split-level Mediterranean. 4+BR/3BA, updated kitchen, formal dining room. Central patio & spa. Wonderful vintage features & 100+ year spaces. Dee Knowland x1318

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$925,000**  
1088 WALAVISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Sunny & sunny 4+BR/2+BA home. Whimsical, hardwood floors, formal dining room. Large lot w/rocks & fruit trees. Charming neighborhood. Joan Drisk x1316

**MONTCLAIR \$925,000**  
744 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Sunny & bright 4BR/4BA. Rec room & family room. 3-car garage. Large terraced yard. Ashley O'Neill x1368

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Open Sunday

**MONTCLAIR \$879,000**  
6121 WOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Piedmont side of Montclair. Lovely 4BR/2.5BA in prestigious neighborhood. Large rec room, eat-in kit, front patio, deck w/ views & garden. 2 car garage. Dick Cohen x1308

**MONTCLAIR \$845,000**  
6034 VALLEY VIEW RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Spacious 4+BR/3BA shingled contemporary. Flexible open floor plan. Incredible master! Wooded views. Decks. Close to Montclair Village. Ann Nichols x1319

**PIEDMONT \$710,000**  
127 RAMONA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Charming 1922 bungalow on quiet tree-lined street. 2+BR/1+BA. Updated kitchen & bath. 2-car garage, large yard. Wendy Gardner-Ferari x1303

**MONTCLAIR \$695,000**  
6539 THORNHILL DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Charming 3BR/2BA home in gorgeous setting. Family/office space. Detached 2-car garage. Approximately 18,000 sq. ft. double lot. Joan E. Hause x1358

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$629,000**  
3609 MONTEREY BLVD. (Open 2-5)  
New Listing! Beautifully maintained & updated English style home. 3BR/2BA & non-conforming fam rm. Hardwood floors, updated kit. Deep lot. Leslie Easterday x1363

**OAKLAND HILLS \$619,000**  
4676 REINHARDT DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Stylish contemporary redesign. Open floor plan w/soaring ceilings. Master suite w/bay views. 3BR/2BA, separate studio. Garden & patio/deck. Teri Carlisle x1305



**PARKRIDGE ESTATES \$619,000**  
5143 PARKRIDGE DR. (Open 2-5)  
New Listing! Bright, all-level 3BR/2BA home on over 1/3 acre. Great yard & indoor/outdoor access. Nearby hiking trails. Vicki Woodhead x1334

Open Sunday

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$569,500**  
4224 DETROIT AVE. (Open 2-5)  
Charming, spacious & sun-filled Spanish Mediterranean w/bay/SF views. Tastefully updated kitchen overlooking private yard, deck & patio. Private setting. Diane Earl McCan x1352

**OAKLAND HILLS \$559,000**  
4433 DAVENPORT AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Truly adorable 2+BR/1.5BA split-level home with fabulous bay views. Charming details & large recreation room. 3 decks, wonderful yard. Donna Costella x1355

**OAKLAND HILLS \$559,000**  
4801 DAVENPORT AVE. (Open 2-5)  
New Listing! Clean & sharp 3BR/2BA with South Bay views. Updated kitchen w/breakfast room & updated bath w/jacuzzi tub. Beautiful! Diane Earl McCan x1352

**MONTCLAIR \$549,000**  
37 CONRAD CT. (Open 2-4:30)  
Fabulous 40s beauty on a large lot at the end of a cul-de-sac. 2BR/1BA, gorgeous updated kitchen, updated bath, hwdw flrs, decks. Michelle Vasey x1359

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$549,000**  
3520 JORDAN RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Sunny & charming 3BR/1+BA home w/ many recent upgrades. Formal dining, updated eat-in kitchen & two 1-car attached garages. Wonderful back yard. Joanna Hirsch x1366



**OAKLAND HILLS \$519,000**  
4426 FAIR AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! 2+BR/2+BA. Great room living room/dining room w/fireplace, hwdw flrs & vaulted beamed ceiling. SF/bay views. 2-car garage. Christian Downer x1340

Open Sunday

**SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS \$485,000**  
123 IRONWOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! 2BR/2BA A-model level end unit. New granite counter kitchen. Dining/family room combo. Small private yard. 2-car attached garage. Chuck Corwin x1353



**SAN LEANDRO \$469,000**  
837 BONNIE VISTA AVE. (Open 1-4)  
New Listing! Tri-level 3BR/1+BA Mediterranean on quiet cul-de-sac. Formal dining room, 2 fireplaces, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors. Spacious yard. Candy Benny x1328

**MAXWELL PARK \$469,000**  
2642 RAWSON ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
Spacious 3+BR/2BA beauty extensively remodeled. Family room, decks, and hill view, rear yard & patio. Lee Jacobson x1309

**SAN LEANDRO \$469,000**  
2048 CLEVELAND ST. (Open 1-4)  
New Listing! Warm & inviting 3BR/2BA single level home. Hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, attached garage w/shop & gorgeous yard w/mature landscaping. Michelle Miller x1335

**SAN LEANDRO \$465,000**  
154 SUNNYSIDE ST. (Open 1-4)  
2+ bedrooms, 1 bath. Extra space. Large yard. Francis Heath x1357

**NORTH OAKLAND \$350,000**  
589 59TH ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Contractor special. 2+BR/1BA bungalow on large lot. Roof & bathroom redone. Needs everything else. Tom Nemeth x1381

**PIEDMONT AVE. \$249,000**  
666 OAKLAND AVE. #301 (Open 2-5)  
1BR/1BA blocks to Piedmont & Grand Aves. Deck off living room & bedroom. Newer appliances, carpet & linoleum. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354

Open Sunday

**ADAMS POINT \$229,000**  
350 PERKINS ST. #303 (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Lovely, sunny third-floor one bedroom unit. Very desirable building near Lake Merritt. Easy access to downtown. Kathleen Callahan x1343

By Appointment

**PIEDMONT \$3,195,000**  
Stately English Tudor with 4+bedrooms, 4+ baths, incredible architectural detail, library, family room & guest suite. Georgia Cornell x1325



**CLAREMONT PINES \$2,850,000**  
Stately Normandy privately situated on approximately 2/3 acre of prime Claremont Pines real estate. Large main house, guest cottage, conservatory & 4+ car garage/shop. Views. David Ichikawa x1331

**PIEDMONT \$2,575,000**  
Private enchanting estate on approx. one acre w/oaks & redwoods, 4BR/4BA main house. Guest cottage & pool cabana w/ kitchen & bath. Charlotte Boyle x1370



**MONTCLAIR \$1,800,000**  
Piedmont side of Montclair. 5+BR/4+BA - over 7000 sq. ft. of luxury, including complete in-law unit. Bay views from most rooms. Quality throughout. Helen Danhaki x1356

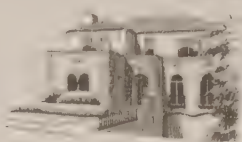
**MONTCLAIR \$1,345,000**  
Almost new 4BR/3BA modern traditional on approx. one-half acre w/smashing unobstructed bay views. 3300+ sf. Ultra private setting. Fritz Hochfeller x1348

**CLAREMONT HEIGHTS \$999,000**  
4yr old Spanish Mediterranean w/4+BR/3.5BA in a private hilltop location. Wonderful level-in open floor plan. Big terraces & yard. Views! Fritz Hochfeller x1348

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$679,000**  
3+BR/2.5BA contemporary w/space, style & unobstructed bay views. Gorgeous kit/ fam rm & sumptuous master suite, all beautifully maintained. Fritz Hochfeller x1348



## PIEDMONT - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



**328 PACIFIC AVENUE** \$2,100,000  
A stunning Piedmont Mediterranean w/lovely Bay views, 5BR/3BA, wood-paneled family room opening to garden. Pristine condition. Nancy Lehrkind

**26 MANOR DRIVE** \$1,175,000  
Enter this spacious light & airy home (circa 1915) & you will be at home. Hardwood floors + a level out garden, nice built-ins & office. 4BR/3.25 BA. Steve Michaelides

**16 LITTLEWOOD DRIVE** \$1,050,000  
Mid-century artistic retreat on oversized lot w/ large mostly level lawn & lovely gardens. 4BR/3BA, gourmet kitchen & stunning living room/dining room. Sheila Gallagher



**1110 HARVARD ROAD** \$1,035,000  
A timeless Piedmont Craftsman w/classic details, in location. 3+BR/3BA including a master retreat, eat-in kitchen. Amazing garden & play area. Sandra

## OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



**1015 GRAND VIEW DRIVE** \$2,395,000  
!New sophisticated contemporary w/Bay Views in verdant canyon setting. 5BR/4.5BA. Stunning! Fabulous kitchen/family room, au pair, master retreat w/views! Helene Barkin

**6807 BUCKINGHAM BLVD.** \$1,998,000  
Built by Patrick Kwok, designed by Phillip Perkins in 2000. Incredible details & elegance. 5BR/4+BA. Private cul-de-sac. Breathtaking Bay & city views. Elizabeth Dickson

**5871 BUENA VISTA AVE.** \$1,780,000  
New sleek design in Upper Rockridge. A showcase of designer finishes, mesmerizing Bay, SF & bridge views. 5BR/3.5BA, den, family room & stunning kitchen. Anne Feste

**2268 LEIMERT BLVD.** \$1,550,000  
Open 2-5. Cutting edge design & finishes. 4BR/4+BA, family room off the stunning kitchen. High-tech phone & sound system. Panoramic Bay vistas. Debra J. Dryden



**655 CALDWELL ROAD** \$1,174,000  
Tuscan Villa retreat w/hand-crafted stucco walls & iron railings. Custom chef's kitchen. 4BR/3BA w/master suite w/spa tub & fireplace. Adam Betta

**170 ALTA ROAD** \$1,150,000  
Rockridge Mediterranean. Award-quality kitchen. Bay views. Veranda. Exquisite landscaping. 4BR/2BA. Family room w/kitchenette, 5th BR & full bath. Chris Cohn

**1047 ARDMORE AVENUE** \$899,000  
Fabulous 3+BR/2+BA Crocker Highlands traditional. Remodeled eat-in kitchen/family room w/fireplace & window seat. Large level rear lawn & garden. Karen Starr

**20 PINE HILLS COURT** \$699,000  
A tree-top retreat, near trails & parks & surrounded by hillsides & forests. The spacious & sunny open floor plan offers 5BR/2BA, decks front & back. Mary Merrick



**6416 PINEHAVEN ROAD** \$549,000  
Very charming 2BR/2BA traditional. Great location to Montclair Village shops, restaurants & transportation. Huge garden, patio and stream. Elissa P.

**1169 WELLINGTON ST.** \$499,000  
Enchanting Craftsman. Remodeled kitchen. Living room w/fireplace. Formal dining room. Office area. Level bonus room. Garden. 2BR/1BA. Hope Brooks

**670 VERNON STREET #204** \$499,000  
Exceptionally spacious 2+BR/2BA condominium in Rose Park Terrace. Two private decks, Rose Garden & marble fireplace & master suite. Dana C.

**3810 WOODRUFF AVENUE** \$499,000  
Cheerful split-level bungalow w/magical rose garden. 2+BR/1BA + sun room/home office w/French doors leading to redwood patio & level garden. Lori Lombardi

## BERKELEY, KENSINGTON & PT. RICHMOND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



**1413 SANDPIPER SPIT** \$1,995,000  
POINT RICHMOND. Deep water dock! Bay & SF views from every room. Dramatic open floorplan. 3BR/2.5BA, office, loft, spacious decks & attached garage. Bebe McRae

**1511 ARCH STREET** \$1,750,000  
Lovingly restored historic beauty. Gorgeous public rooms & 5BR/2+BA; beautiful attic space w/2BR/1+BA, + lower level apt. Patio, lawns & gardens. The Ratcliffes

**959 MILLER AVENUE** \$1,595,000  
Stunning Mediterranean by David Stark Wilson. Exceptional design & finishes. Sweeping Bay views. Kitchen/family room opens to garden. Erika Celestre



**1010 SIERRA AVENUE** \$749,500  
Craftsman bungalow near Solano Ave. Original architectural detail! Ear-in kitchen opens to deck. 2BR/1BA + 2 bonus rooms & bath on lower level. Diane Verducci

**326 RUGBY AVENUE** \$1,200,000  
KENSINGTON. A rare property on over 1/2 acre lot. Dramatic custom home w/soaring ceilings & stone fireplace. 4BR/4+BA. Indoor pool, in-law/guest & more! Ruth Frassetto

**227 YALE AVENUE** \$799,000  
KENSINGTON. Casually elegant & inviting 4+BR/2BA w/Bay views. Close to Kensington Village. Gorgeous kitchen overlooks lovely garden w/deck. Ronald Eggherman



**2605 FULTON STREET** \$685,000  
Sparkling Victorian duplex near UC campus, w/park-like garden. Upper unit: 2BR/1BA. Lower unit: 1BR/1BA. Hardwood floors throughout. Tricia

**2430 5TH STREET #F** \$585,000  
Stunning West Berkeley live/work loft w/customized designed features throughout the three-level interior view. 3BR/2+BA. Close to 4th Street. Nacio B.

**1415 BONITA AVENUE** \$495,000  
Adorable Craftsman bungalow with a great garden, on woodwork, two bedrooms, one bath, and in a great neighborhood! Close to BART & shops! Bebe McRae

## PIEDMONT - BY APPOINTMENT



**MAGNIFICENT ESTATE** \$5,395,000  
San Francisco style & splendor! Enjoy the elegance of another era. Fabulous gourmet kitchen, remodeled master bedroom suite & formal dining room. Anian Pettit Tunney

**PARK WAY** \$3,200,000  
Grand Prairie style home built in 1912 and beautifully restored. Spacious gourmet kitchen, library, family room, guest cottage and much more! 5BR/5BA. Mindy Scott



**PIEDMONT VILLA** \$2,595,000  
Reminiscent of an Italian villa w/a glorious swimming pool, spectacular Bay views & cabana w/kitchen offering a luxurious entertainment venue. Katherine Cooper

**PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL** \$2,195,000  
This stately 1914 traditional in has been beautifully restored. 5BR/4.5BA including a detached guest suite. Chef's kitchen, rumpus & garden. Nancy Lehrkind



**STATELY MEDITERRANEAN** \$1,695,000  
Stately Mediterranean w/stunning living room, formal dining room w/beamed ceiling & gourmet kitchen. 4BR/3BA. Angela Wei

**SPACIOUS TRADITIONAL** \$1,195,000  
Enjoy the wonderful areas and light if this restored traditional. Two family rooms & 3+BR offer separation of space. Centrally located. Anian Pettit Tunney

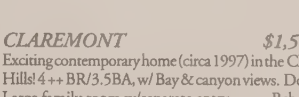
## OAKLAND - BY APPOINTMENT



**LASALLE ESTATES** \$2,750,000  
New Price! Magnificent new home on gated road on Piedmont side of Montclair. 5BR/5+BA, elevator & breathtaking view of SF, Bay & bridges. Debra J. Dryden

**ONE-OF-A-KIND HOME** \$1,900,000  
Sensational one-of-a-kind home in the Piedmont side of Montclair. Walls of glass, high ceilings & stunning living room. SF views. 2nd unit apt. Anian Pettit Tunney

**MEDITERRANEAN VILLA** \$1,850,000  
A timeless masterpiece by John Malick, 4BR/3.5BA, au pair space, chef's kitchen/family room combo, level grounds and Bay views. Kurt Buchholz



**CLAREMONT** \$1,500,000  
Exciting contemporary home (circa 1997) in the Claremont Hills! 4+BR/3.5BA, w/Bay & canyon views. Double lot. Large family room w/separate entry. Bebe McRae

**FABULOUS VIEWS** \$1,350,000  
Fabulous newer construction w/ sweeping views of the Bay. 4+BR/3BA, spacious kitchen, family room w/fireplace, formal living room & dining room. Nancy Lehrkind

**BAY & CANYON VIEWS** \$1,175,000  
New in 2001. Beautiful w/high quality throughout. 3+BR/2.5BA, chef's kitchen/family room combo, master retreat, wonderful outdoor spaces. Kurt Buchholz



**MONTCLAIR** \$939,000  
Stunning designer redesign. Unique details. 3+BR/2BA. Large master suite. Private enchanting garden. Clon Montclair Village & coffee. Hope Brooks

**MONTCLAIR** \$799,000  
Private & spacious home on a large parcel. 4BR/3BA gourmet kitchen, 2nd kitchen, large family room, perfect home office! Nancy Lehrkind

**BUILDABLE LOTS** \$689,000  
Wonderful Piedmont side of Montclair lot. Perfect for separately. Debra J. Dryden

## BERKELEY - BY APPOINTMENT



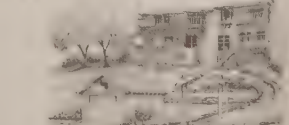
**CLAREMONT ESTATE** \$3,150,000  
Gated & exclusive area near the Claremont Hotel. 1.25 acres, tennis court, swimming pool, gracious lawns, gardens, & paths. Views of SF, Bay & bridges. Debra J. Dryden

**SOARING SPACES & VIEWS** \$1,250,000  
Soaring spaces, beautiful views & rich finishes in the Berkeley Hills! 3BR/3BA, gourmet kitchen, family room, office, music room, attached 2-car garage! Bebe McRae



**ELMWOOD DUPLEX** \$895,000  
A wonderful 3BR/1.5BA traditional home plus 1BR/1BA cottage located on a desirable Elmwood cul-de-sac. Close to BART & shops. Bebe McRae

**UPSLOPE LOT** \$450,000  
Value in mature Berkeley neighborhood, upslope buildable lot. Many options. Approved plans available or can build to suit. Carolyn Jones



**SPECTACULAR VIEWS** \$795,000  
Level-in-to spectacular views, 3BR/2BA, formal dining room & family room. Lower level non-conforming 2nd unit. 1BR/1BA. Prestigious Thousand Oaks. Bebe McRae

**BERKELEY LOT** \$300,000  
Build your new home in Park Hill! Beautiful Canyon Tilden Park views from this private site. Survey and report available. Annie Williams

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SALES

119 Montecito Av. - \$268,000  
 111 Oak St. - \$673,500  
 122 Ocean View - \$1,050,000  
 154 Octavia St. - \$230,000  
 107 Orange St. - \$229,000  
 100 Pear St. #213 - \$150,000  
 104 Perata St. - \$380,000  
 143 Phelps St. - \$350,000  
 152 Pfeiffer Av. - \$245,000

820 Prospect Av. - \$601,000  
 6450 Raymond St. - \$465,000  
 10945 Reposo Dr. - \$170,000  
 10207 Royal Ann St. - \$310,000  
 5155 Saddle Brook - \$655,000  
 6925 Shep. Canyon - \$750,000  
 3833 Twin Oaks Wy. - \$505,000  
 500 Vernon St. #208 - \$360,000  
 842 Walker Av. - \$570,000  
 4400 Walnut St. - \$425,000  
 9870 Walnut St. - \$267,000  
 6357 Westover Dr. - \$925,000  
 6812 Wilton Dr. - \$753,000

5025 W'dminster 104 - \$328,000

**PIEDMONT**

25 Lake Av. - \$951,500  
 206 Magnolia Av. - \$750,000  
 309 Pala Av. - \$1,900,000  
 1850 Tr. Glen - \$1,100,000

**RICHMOND**

626 11th St. - \$299,000  
 644 11th St. - \$80,000

632 17th St. - \$255,000  
 140 18th St. - \$210,000  
 634 19th St. - \$380,000  
 614 20th St. - \$389,000  
 657 6th St. - \$90,000  
 651 7th St. - \$296,000  
 1519 Barth Av. - \$676,000  
 3115 Benjamin - \$360,000  
 4324 Berk Av. - \$384,000  
 5914 Bernhard - \$432,000  
 1521 Bonita Rd. - \$649,000  
 1201 Brickyard 215 - \$359,000  
 3532 Center Av. - \$425,000

1805 Cornflower - \$445,000  
 415 Duboce Av. - \$285,000  
 2734 East Ct. - \$283,000  
 2737 Euclid Av. - \$340,000  
 6048 Felix Av. - \$410,000  
 5330 Fleming Av. - \$327,000  
 3817 Florida Av. - \$230,000  
 616 Florida Av. - \$242,000  
 5833 Fresno Av. - \$411,000  
 2370 Gaynor Av. - \$185,000  
 513 Gertrude Av. - \$255,000  
 3423 Grasswood - \$350,000  
 3001 Lowell Av. - \$195,000

5509 Panama Av. - \$350,000  
 5900 Panama Av. - \$349,500  
 651 South 32nd St. - \$216,000  
 3754 Via Verdi - \$169,500  
 3525 Wall Av. - \$330,000  
 108 West Barrett - \$570,000

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 THIS NEWSPAPER.**

**New Listing!**

Open Sunday, April 25th, 2-4:30 PM



722 Wala Vista

Classic Crocker Highlands 3 BR / 1 BA Bungalow.  
 French doors lead to professionally landscaped gardens.  
 Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, office.  
 Close to Lakeshore shopping.

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COMING SOON. Piedmont side of Montclair. This  
 extensive home was built for the developer of this  
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**ALBANY \$495,000**  
 4+1/2 - Flexible floorplan with private entrance to rear 2-story addition - perfect for extended family. Cosmetic fixer. Super location near Solano Avenue shops and Albany schools  
 946 Kains Avenue Open 2-4



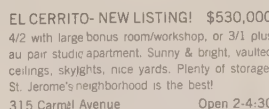
**BERKELEY \$485,000**  
 3/1 - Cute fixer bungalow with a large, level rear yard with fruit trees - possible expansion. 3 blocks to BART, close to UC Berkeley, Fat Apples and Gourmet Ghetto  
 1726 Francisco Street Open 2-4



**BERKELEY - NEW LISTING! \$885,000**  
 3/2 - Beautifully remodeled 100 year old Craftsman duplex in coveted Elmwood neighborhood. Includes a small 1 bedroom, 1 bath rental unit with a separate entrance  
 2826 Kelsey Street Open 2-4



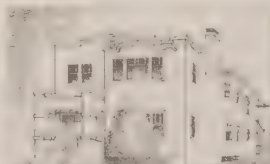
**BERKELEY \$495,000**  
 2/1.5 - 3-level, Soho style live/work loft. Roof deck with view, 24' ceilings, Clero-story windows, sunken ceramic-lined kitchen, soaking tub & skylight. Moments to new Westside Gourmet Ghetto  
 2512 9th Street #11 Open 2-4



**EL CERRITO - NEW LISTING! \$530,000**  
 4/2 with large bonus room/workshop, or 3/1 plus au pair studio apartment. Sunny & bright, vaulted ceilings, skylights, nice yards. Plenty of storage. St. Jerome's neighborhood is the best!  
 315 Carmel Avenue Open 2-4:30



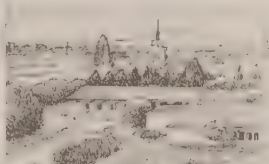
**OAKLAND - NEW LISTING! \$343,000**  
 2/1 - Delightful and sunny with easy access to San Francisco and Emeryville shops. Big eat-in country kitchen. Huge fabulous yard. Large detached garage  
 1039 56th Street Open 2-5



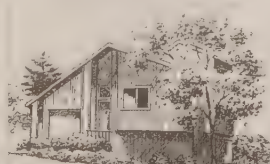
**OAKLAND - NEW LISTING! \$360,000**  
 LOFT - Affordable and in great condition! Spacious 1+ bedroom, 1 bath in a classic 1920's duplex. Dining room with built-ins, living room with fireplace, large glorious garden. Close to Elmwood  
 527 66th Street Open 2-4:30



**OAKLAND \$595,000**  
 3/2 - Living room with fireplace, dining room, eat-in kitchen, full basement area, workshop, yard with fruit trees. Close to shopping, public transportation and freeway  
 6307 Roanoke Road Open 2-4



**OAKLAND \$339,000**  
 2/2 - Spectacular Lake Merritt view condo, 1,098 square feet, totally renovated. Corner unit. Huge deck. Nothing to do but move right in & enjoy breakfast on your balcony!  
 85 Vernon Street, Unit 209 Open 2-4



**OAKLAND \$619,000**  
 3/2 - Montclair Hills gem! 180° majestic canyon views. Open living and dining rooms. Vaulted wood truss ceiling, skylights, wood & tile floors. Two private decks with views. Garage.  
 6565 Chelton Drive Open 1:30-4



**OAKLAND \$439,000**  
 2+2.5 - Spacious, well-maintained Idora Park home with large living room & fireplace, formal dining room, hardwood floors, finished basement with lots of storage, large backyard.  
 562 56th Street Open 2-4



**OAKLAND \$399,000**  
 2/1 - Mediterranean fixer close to Piedmont Avenue shops, restaurants & theater. Delightful backyard, architectural details, built-ins, great potential. Show up & bring your imagination!  
 524 Oakland Avenue Open 2-4

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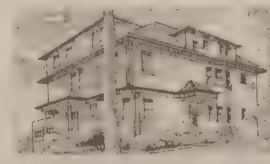
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**RICHMOND \$298,000**  
 3/1 - Fixer in a great N/E neighborhood of well-kept homes. Separate dining room, breakfast nook, hardwood floors and yard.



**BERKELEY \$798,000**  
 4+2.5 - Thousand Oaks two-story traditional with views. Formal living room, fireplace, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, yard and patios.



**BERKELEY \$799,000**  
 RESIDENTIAL INCOME - Charming 7-unit building near UC. One 2/1 with deck & garden, other units are 1/1 & studios. GM: 10.3 CAP: 5.1



**OAKLAND \$379,000**  
 2/1 - Storybook charm! Living room with vaulted ceilings, built-ins, fireplace, formal dining room, fenced rear yard. Freshly painted inside & out.

**BERKELEY - \$1,950,000**

4/3 - Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Mesmerizing panoramic Golden Gate, Bay, & San Francisco views from every room. Approximately 2.84 acre paradise overlooks UC Berkeley. This four bedroom, three bath, 3,575 square foot, two-level home is on a private road where your only neighbors are deer, birds, and trees. A rare opportunity to have your own private park with fabulous indoor/outdoor flow. Nine rooms with private entrances offer a vast variety of uses. Huge family room & separate bedroom suite. The lot provides room to build an additional home.

**EMERYVILLE - \$1,320,000**

2/2.5 - Emeryville's Premier Luxury High-rise is Pacific Park Plaza! Breathtaking views of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge are seen from every room. This 1,600 square foot, 2 bedroom residence features two master suites with private decks. Custom finishes highlight this penthouse residence. Located only 20 minutes from downtown San Francisco and Oakland International Airport, this is a must-see for the discriminating buyer! The 24-hour security building offers tennis, pool and a gym with dedicated parking. More at [www.patrickleaper.com](http://www.patrickleaper.com).



The writing is on the wall.



NEW LISTING



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2-5

**Redwood Heights**

4128 Rettig Avenue, Oakland

2002 New Construction in Country Setting. Spacious 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath plus 1/1 Aupair/Office with Separate Entrance. Family Room, Large Kitchen Level Out to Deck/Patio/Yard & Dramatic LR combine to Make This a Special Home!!!

Offered at \$675,000

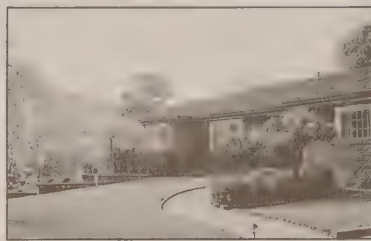


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**EXQUISITE ORINDA REMODEL**



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2-5

**43 Acacia Drive  
Orinda**

Exquisite Orinda remodel featuring a stunning gourmet kitchen, formal family room, French doors leading to private lawn and patio. Master's formal living room, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths all on one level. Mature garden with oak woodlands and hill views. Just level!

**\$969,000**



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NEW LISTING



Open Sunday  
2-5

**Lakeshore District**

533 Kenmore Avenue, Oakland

Home Sweet Home for 53 years! This 1926 Traditional offers an inviting curb appeal. Some amenities to be enjoyed are: the handsome fireplace, formal dining room, eat-in-kitchen, the library with built-ins, the spacious rumpus room & a large meandering garden. Convenient location too!

Offered at \$599,000



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**REDWOOD HEIGHTS**

OPEN SUNDAY  
1:00 - 5:00  
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**3044 Guido**

*Big Views in a Country-like Setting*

You'll be amazed at how much room there is in this home complete with white picket fence. Designed for easy living. This 5 bedroom home has a park-like yard and sits on almost 1/3 acre and features mature landscaping including oaks, redwoods, and stunning red maples. Features vaulted wood ceiling and walls, sliding doors leading out to large deck with spectacular South Bay views, a master suite complete with bath, and another bedroom makes for a great retreat area, a den/office and a kitchen. There's another knotty pine bed and bath. Downstairs bedroom, a large rumpus with a separate entrance and kitchenette. And there's plenty of room to roam. Don't miss seeing this home!

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GREAT LOCATION



**Upper Rockridge**  
32 Sheridan Road, Oakland

A beautiful traditional home built in 2001. Beautiful bay view. 4+ bedrooms, 5 full baths, large gourmet kitchen/family combo opening to a large patio and level yard with hill views. Bonus room ideal for rec/exercise or au pair. Quality throughout.

**\$1,895,000**

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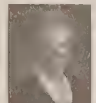
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**Montclair District**

6900 Chambers Drive, Oakland

Stylish Contemporary. Open floor-plan, serene outlook. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling, formal dining area, den/office, custom fencing and landscaping

Offered at \$679,000

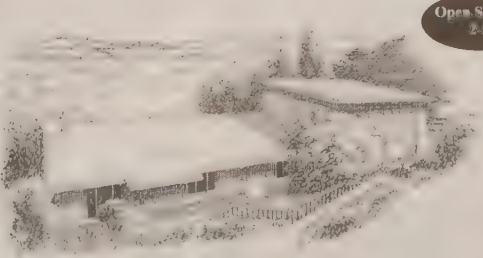


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NEW LISTING



Open Sunday  
2-5

**6850 Snake Road, Montclair**

Wonderful Contemporary home with panoramic views of San Francisco and the Bay. Only minutes from Montclair Village and Redwood Regional Park trails. 3+ Bedrooms, 2 Baths.

Offered at \$679,000

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NEW LISTING



Open Sunday  
2-5

**Upper Glenview**

1311 El Centro Avenue, Oakland

This wonderfully restored Craftsman home circa 1911 offers charm, grace & detail, an extraordinary opportunity for the discerning buyer. Grand fireplace with handcrafted tile; Greek key inlaid hardwood floors; glass pocket doors & built-in galore; covered porch & vintage swing; Wedgewood six-burner double oven with wainscoting & art glass. Close to Glenview shops and transportation.

Offered at \$659,000



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**JUST LISTED - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30PM**



**5745 COLTON BOULEVARD**

Stylish mid-century home in a convenient location close to Montclair village & school. 4+ bedrooms & 2 1/2 bathrooms. Remodeled kitchen with eating area & family room off the kitchen with French doors leading to a large deck. Fabulous back yard with large lawn area, patio and sport court. Recreation room, 3 decks, sunny exposure.

Offered at \$849,000



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**Piedmont Pines**

OPEN SUNDAY  
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APRIL 25th



**6479 Ascot**

*Elegance, Tranquility and Bay Views*  
Follow the winding stone path through a beautiful garden and sunny patio into your own private home. This lovely home on almost 1/4 acre is designed for easy yet elegant living, featuring Bay views and a limestone fireplace, open dining room, guest bedroom, granite and cherry wood cabinets, cook's kitchen with professional style appliances, two bedrooms, a master's limestone bath, and a den opening to a large media room. Enjoy, relax and retreat to this home with hot tub to soak away the cares of the world. Don't miss seeing this special Home!

Offered at \$779,000



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HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,350,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$550,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$614,350

LOWEST PRICE: \$280,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,200,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$585,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$606,917

**ALBANY**

TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$669,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$410,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$406,000

**EL SOBRANTE**

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$212,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$562,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$400,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$391,500

**BERKELEY**

TOTAL SALES: 16  
LOWEST PRICE: \$350,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$885,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$540,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$597,313

**EMERYVILLE**

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$230,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$389,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$239,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$286,000

**EL CERRITO**

TOTAL SALES: 6

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**New Listing**

Open Sunday  
2-4:30 pm

**Sequoyah Heights**

**3908 Fairway Drive, Oakland**

Adorable split-level Ranch with lots of light, updated bath & kitchen. Big backyard with a deck & fenced patio for privacy, inside access from garage.

**Sales Price \$419,000**



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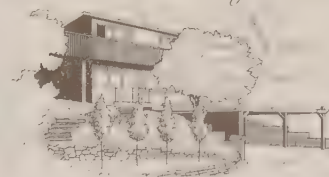
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**North Berkeley Hills!**

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**Offered at \$835,000**

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**Berkeley** \$835,000  
1015 Keith Sun 1 - 5  
4 BR 2 BA Berk hills contemporary  
sparkles w/light & panoramic views!  
Most rms open to deck/patio.  
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**Berkeley** \$750,000  
454 Vincente Sun 2 - 4:30  
Private, large lot at the end of cul-de-sac.  
Remodeled kit. w/cherry cabinets, &  
more!  
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**Berkeley** \$579,000  
1011 Shattuck Ave Sun 1 - 4  
2 BR 2 BA N. Berkeley wood shingle  
w/wonderful yard & partial view, near  
shopping & Solano Ave.  
Terry Anthony 510.339.4700

**Berkeley** \$485,000  
1475 Cedar Sun 1 - 4  
2 BR 1 BA Sunny & Spacious! Fireplace,  
Hardwood Floors, Lush Gardens. 2 blks  
to North Berkeley BART.  
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**Berkeley** \$435,000  
2615 Telegraph Ave 301 Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 1 BA Wonderful large & bright 2  
BR condo in sought after small complex.  
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**Berkeley** \$399,000  
1217 Cornell Sun 2 - 4:30  
2 BR 1 BA Cute bungalow updated in the  
80's. Lrg Backyard w/hot tub & shower,  
close to Bart & shops.  
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**Berkeley** \$275,000  
2218 Parker Sun 2 - 4:30  
1/1 spacious & sunny unit nr campus.  
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outdoor space.  
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**Concord** \$549,950  
4486 Adelia Ct. Sun 1 - 5  
4 BR 2.5 BA Bright spacious home in  
desirable area. Tons of upgrades:  
Community tennis, pools, park.  
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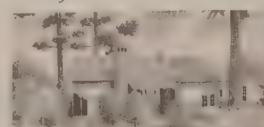
**Claremont** \$1,650,000  
49 Vicente Pl Sun 2 - 4:30  
5 BR 4.5 BA Mediterranean Villa. Great  
location! Bay views! 2yrs. new kitchen,  
formal LR/DR, Fam rm.  
David Eckert 510.339.4700

**Montclair** \$1,249,000  
152 Taurus Ave Sun 1 - 4:30  
Almost new, big views, gourmet kit  
w/granite counters, large family room,  
formal LR & DR  
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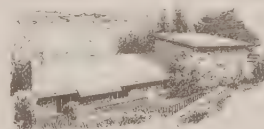
**Redwood Heights** \$899,000  
3044 Guido Sun 1 - 5  
5 BR 4.5 BA Ranch w/picket fence & big  
S. Bay views! Family room, den, big  
deck, vaulted ceilings.  
Donna C./Carol B. 510.339.4700

**Montclair** \$849,000  
5745 Colton Blvd Sun 2 - 4:30  
4 BR 2.5 BA Stylish home close to the  
village. Remodeled kitchen, family & rec  
rms, great back yard.  
Dian Hymer 510.339.4700



**Piedmont Pines** \$779,000  
6479 Ascot Drive Sun 1 - 5  
Elegance & tranquility 3+ BR, 2.5 BA.  
Jazzy Kitchen, Bath & Den up  
w/Media/Fam rm down.  
Donna C./Karen L. 510.339.4700

**Lakeshore** \$699,000  
819 Warfield Ave Sun 1 - 4:30  
2 units-Down; 3BR/1BA Formal LR/DR,  
eat-in kit. Up; Lrg 1BR/1BA, front/back  
yards  
Victor Ratto 510.339.4700



**Montclair** \$679,000  
6850 Snake Road Sun 2 - 5  
Wonderful 3+ BR, 2 BA Contemporary  
w/views of San Francisco & the Bay. Min  
to Montclair.  
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**Montclair** \$679,000  
6900 Chambers Drive Sun 2 - 5  
Stylish Contemporary; 3+ bdrms, 2  
updated baths. Open flr-plan, formal  
dining area, FP  
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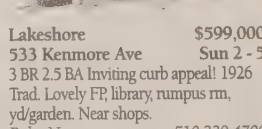
**Redwood Heights** \$675,000  
4128 Rettig Ave Sun 2 - 5  
New in 2002. Spacious dramatic design.  
3+ BR, 3.5 BA including Mstr ste, &  
Aupair/off.  
Rachel Baller 510.339.4700

**Glenview** \$659,000  
1311 El Centro Ave Sat/Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 2 BA Grand restored Craftsman;  
inlaid HWF; FP w/handcrafted tile;  
porch & vintage swing; built-ins.  
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**Rockridge** \$649,000  
5130 Lawton Ave Sun 2 - 5  
Classic 2+ BR, 1 BA bungalow original  
details updated throughout. Lrg yard,  
office/fam rm.  
Julie Joyce 510.339.4700

**Lakeshore** \$599,000  
533 Kenmore Ave Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 2.5 BA Inviting curb appeal! 1926  
Trad. Lovely FP, library, rumpus rm,  
yd/garden. Near shops.  
Ruby Ng 510.339.4700



**Oakland** \$549,000  
771 54th St. Sun 1 - 3  
Victorian Triplex in North Oakland.  
Great investment opportunity! Will not  
last long.  
Casey Asche 510.486.1495



**Rose Garden** \$499,000  
563 Chetwood Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 1 BA Delightful 1926 Bungalow.  
Frmal DR, HWF & French doors. Private  
level backyard. 1st Open.  
Darcy Diamantine 510.339.4700

**Sequoia Heights** \$419,000  
3908 Fairway Drive Sun 2 - 4:30  
Split-level Ranch, 3+BR, 2 BA updated  
bath & kit, yard w/deck & fenced patio.  
Noni & Gary Robinson 510.339.4700



**Adams Point** \$389,000  
245 Perkins St, #23 Sun 1 - 4:30  
Spacious 2-bed 2-bath window-wrapped  
corner condo in sought-after Adams  
Point building.  
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**Jeffrey N./Dan J.** \$377,000  
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**El Cerrito, 734 Ashbury Ave. \$489,000**  
Fabulous 3 bedroom, 1 bath home in prime location. Park-like yard with running fountain. Close to BART, El Cerrito Plaza. Work shed or artist's studio in back. Attached garage.

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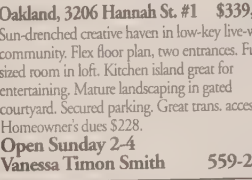
**Oakland, 4529 Thompson St. \$280,000**  
Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath Maxwell Park bungalow. Beautiful wood floors, granite countertops in kitchen, wood-burning fireplace. Fresh paint inside and out. Spacious front and rear yards. Enclosed Jacuzzi on deck.

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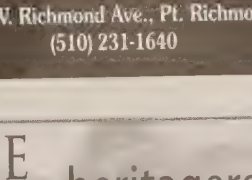
**El Cerrito, 1721 Arlington Ave. \$559,000**  
Beautiful, spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, on a serene, 1/3 acre lot. Features include lovely refinished hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, newly painted interior, large deck, fabulous Bay city, and canyon view. Close to Madera School.

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**Oakland, 3206 Hannah St. #1 \$339,000**  
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**Richmond, 139 Murdock St. \$324,000**  
Sweet 2+ bedroom, 1 bath home in desirable Richmond Village. Vintage details: Kitchen with breakfast nook and stone-tiled floors, rebuilt wood-burning fireplace, hardwood floors. Freshly painted interior. Upgraded electrical & many new windows.

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Diana Mendler 559-2937

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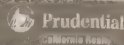
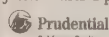


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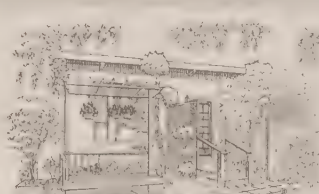
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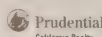


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## 1581 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD \$799,000

**Crocker Highlands.** 3+BD/2.5BA Charming with original details, formal living and dining rooms, breakfast room, kitchen and family area. Look onto a lovely terraced backyard and deck with a beautiful mature Oak tree. Open 2-5pm

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## 424 BRANDYWINE LANE \$489,000

**Pleasant Hill.** Dramatic Contemporary Townhouse, spacious three bedroom, three and a half bathrooms, vaulted ceilings, fabulous Mt. Diablo views.

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## 2300 OREGON \$399,900

**Berkeley.** Fabulous 2BD/2BA townhouse-style condo close to BART, & Berkeley Bowl. Liv. & din. room w/vaulted ceiling, master suite w/walk-in closet, great decks, level yard, attached garage.

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## 4421 WORDEN WAY \$449,500

**Upper Laurel.** Upper Laurel Charming lovingly maintained in original condition. Three bedrooms, one bath. Large sunny yard & patio on quiet friendly street

Wendy Callaghan 531-7000 x237



## 6350 HILLMONT DRIVE \$395,000

**Millmont.** New Listing! Charming Country cottage with two bedrooms, one bathroom, gleaming hardwood floors & large country kitchen. Detached garage with attic & storage. White picket fence on large corner lot.

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## 8403 B STREET \$375,000

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## 555 10th STREET #217 \$310,000

**Downtown Oakland.** Close to everything! Sophisticated 2BD/2BA in 1998 building! Painted in designer colors, master suite w/walk-in closet, new carpet & linoleum, laundry area in unit, underground security parking, close to BART, restaurants, shopping & more!

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## MONTCLAIR VACANT LOT, DESIRABLE STREET \$160,000

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## MONTCLAIR VIEW LOT \$99,500

Upslope facing Bay. Utilities very near. Topo map available. Area of \$1,000,000 plus homes, below Skyline Drive.

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**Piedmont Border.** Traditional, well maintained building with seven 1BD, two studios, and commercial space. \$104K annual income. Cap, 11.7 GRM. Growth potential in prime area.

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**Laurel.** Good Income! Six 1BD and one 2BD units have newly renovated baths. Corner located near MacArthur Blvd. and 35th Avenue.

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## MIXED USE/LIVEWORK \$795,000

**Oakland.** Two commercial store fronts plus 1BD apartments. Five parking spaces. \$65K, possible \$80K+ with 100% occupancy. International Blvd. and 14th Avenue.

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## THREE UNITS \$595,000

**El Cerrito.** Front duplex is 1BD/1BA, a 1/2 detached rear studio cottage. Hardwood floors, car garage, level rear yard. Walking distance to Plaza BART. Two meters each for electricity, gas. The cottage shares utilities w/one unit. Full roof report available. Being sold "as-is". \$595,000.

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## FOUR UNIT BUILDING \$595,000

**Melrose.** Nice four units in a good area. Two 1BD. Large backyard. New electrical upgrades.

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<p><b>Oakland</b></p> <p><b>OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$2,695,000</b> Acme Terrace. Spectacular 1945BA. Bay view. Mediterranean. Michael Marchesotti (510) 339-9290</p>	<p><b>Oakland</b></p> <p><b>Best Price on Condo \$199,000</b> 1BR condo with pool, sauna, gym, hot tub. Fee \$174. Ardeene Swain (510) 834-2010</p>
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<p><b>Alameda</b></p> <p><b>OPEN Sat/Sun 2-4 \$650,000</b> 1219 Walnut St. Victorian. 4BR/2BA beautiful home! Marilyn (510) 337-8670</p>	<p><b>Alameda</b></p> <p><b>OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$625,000</b> 2047 Eagle. 4BR/4BA, 2200 sq.ft. + studio. Quiet tree-lined street. Lillian Liao (510) 337-8670</p>
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<p><b>Berkeley</b></p> <p><b>OPEN Sunday 2-4 \$465,000</b> 1807 Sherman St. Great Victorian, 3BR/2BA w/in-law unit. Steve Ryman (510) 845-0211</p>	<p><b>Berkeley</b></p> <p><b>OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$460,000</b> 238 Bannister Ct. Single level 2BR/2BA townhouse - Harbor Bay! Craig Shane (510) 339-9290</p>
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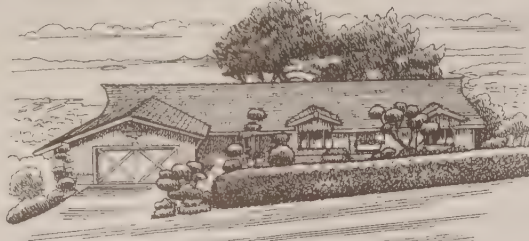
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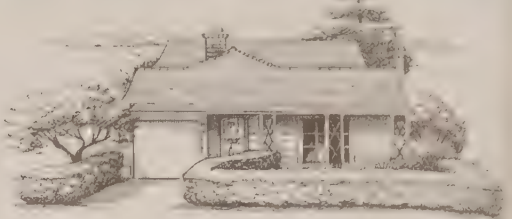
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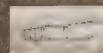


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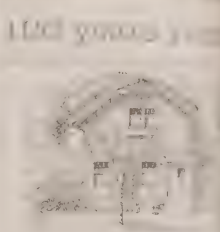
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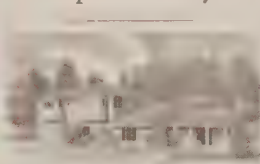
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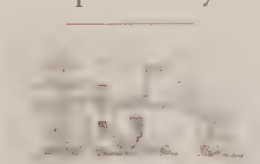


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# SPORTS

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Section C

## Days of BSAL boys volleyball may be numbered

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

By this time next year, Bay Shore Athletic League boys volleyball will probably have disappeared.

That is the view of both St. Joseph Notre Dame coach Fred Van Horn and St. Mary's coach Carmen Vasquez, whose teams played each other in Alameda Tuesday afternoon with the Panthers winning in four games.

There are only four teams playing boys volleyball in the BSAL this spring, and they are all Catholic schools — Salesian, St. Mary's, St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph.

Call it the BSCAL — the Bay Shore Catholic Athletic League. "It is not a good situation,"

said Vasquez, who is in her second year of coaching at St. Mary's. "We're playing the same teams three times and then there are the playoffs. Everybody qualifies for the playoffs."

"We've been filling our schedule with tournaments and other games."

"This will probably be it (for the BSAL)," Van Horn said. "I think we'll merge with another league — this one is too small."

That "another league" will probably be the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League, which currently has six teams playing boys volleyball — El Cerrito, De Anza, Hercules, Berkeley, Alameda and Encinal. Only Pinole Valley and Richmond do not field teams.

In the BSAL, St. Patrick, Albany, John Swett, Kennedy and Piedmont do not field boys volleyball teams.

Of course, if the sports programs are completely cut in the West Contra Costa Unified School District, all bets for a merged league are off.

"Usually there is a five-team limit in having a league," St. Joseph Notre Dame athletic director Dan Curry said. "I don't really know what happened (in the BSAL) in this case."

**St. Mary's d. St. Joseph:** Back to the game. The Panthers (16-7, 9-1 BSAL) simply had too much experience and size for the smaller and younger Pilots (4-5, 2-5) and won 26-28, 25-13, 26-24, 27-25.

Neither team really kept statistics, but it was apparent that St. Mary's senior setter Andy Accacacion and outside middle blocker Duncan Calladine were the prime reasons the Panthers won.

The visitors got a rude awakening when St. Joseph went out to a 9-2 lead in the first game, didn't crack and ended up winning as Jon Alberti had three kills to break a 24-24 tie and the Pilots won on an out ball.

"That took us by surprise," Vasquez said. "I think we came in here expecting to win and then we are one game down."

The Panthers ran through St. Joseph in the second game but had trouble in the third and fourth games. St. Mary's broke

a 24-24 tie in the third game on a Pilots' service error and then a block off Alberti by Calladine.

In the fourth game, Alberti had a kill to put St. Joseph up 25-24, but the Panthers got the next three points on kills by Accacacion and David Fike and an out ball.

Despite the loss, Van Horn was very pleased with his team's effort. "A great match," he said. "We played hard and didn't give up. We've got a young team (eight out of the 12 players are underclassmen) and I want to get this program back up to where it should be. We have a great group of players coming up that will really help us."

Now if they can just find a league to play in.

### BSAL NOTEBOOK

## Salesian is finding its offense

By Orlando Molina  
STAFF WRITER

**THE SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL** softball team was a little rusty coming off spring break this week.

But the Chieftains found a good remedy to get back in the swing of things by beating St. Elizabeth 15-0 in five innings Tuesday in Bay Shore Athletic League play.

"They looked lazy out there," Chieftains coach Dolores Bonds said. "They were dragging themselves and they weren't in their rhythm yet. That week off was a killer, and they didn't practice for four days."

But what has started to come around is the team's hitting, much to the relief of starter Allison Donnelly, who Bonds said has been pressing to perform well with a less-than-stellar defense behind her at times.

"She was feeling the pressure. She felt that if we do anything good, this will be our year, and she wants to get it done," Bonds said. "I talked to her during the break and told her to relax and let the defense work."

### PIEDMONT ON TOP

The Piedmont boys golf team was all business Tuesday, coming off spring break to take on St. Patrick and secure its third BSAL title to end the regular season.

Entering play at the start of the week, the Highlanders were one game up on second-place St. Patrick and St. Mary's. A loss could have meant a three-way tie, which would have been decided in the BSAL tournament May 3. But the Highlanders erased that possibility with a 217-237 win over the Bruins at Hiddenbrook Country Club in Vallejo.

Through it all, Highlanders coach Tommy Scales said his boys were perfectly at ease.

"There was no pressure felt. They thought there would at least be a tie and it would be decided in the tournament," Scales said. "But there's a lot of relief now, and they can relax."

**WHAT WE WORRY?** With the Highlanders on the brink of winning the BSAL crown entering play Tuesday, Scales was in no mood to create a pressure-filled environment for his players.

So he patted them on the back and sent them on their way to have an enjoyable afternoon on the links.

"I just want them to enjoy themselves. It's not life or death. Nobody's shooting at you. If I tell them they have to win, look how tight they get," Scales said.

### WARM UP

Before their BSAL showdown with St. Patrick, the Highlanders spent Monday competing in the Transbay Golf Tournament in Walnut Creek.

Piedmont finished with a 422. Miramonte was first with a 369. Individually, Brad Roemer and Eddie Newland each shot a 76 on the par-72 Dollar Ranch course at Rossmore Golf Course.



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**THE OAKLAND STOKES** varsity eight boys team rows to victory at Lake Natoma in Folsom last weekend.

## Strokes in crews control

Varsity teams stellar as they sweep the competition at Lake Natoma

STAFF REPORT

On Saturday, the Oakland Strokes traveled to Folsom's Lake Natoma, just east of Sacramento, for their third league race of the season.

Participants and spectators were treated to a beautiful spring morning, and very exciting competition. Formed by a dam, long, wide Lake Natoma provides the best 2,000-meter racecourse on the West Coast. If San Francisco had been successful with its 2012 Summer Olympic bid, Lake Natoma would have been the

Olympic rowing venue. All the major rowing championships on the West Coast (Pac-10, Western Intercollegiate, etc.) are held on the home course for Cal State Sacramento and the Capital Crew's junior crew.

No, Olympic rowing won't be coming to Lake Natoma — at least for 2012 — but there are plenty of other great rowing events there. And surely, the Strokes created plenty of excitement as the boys and girls varsity, junior varsity, freshman and novice crews all enjoyed victories.

For all the clubs, the trip to Lake Natoma was a preview of the course that they will row in the Southwestern Regional Junior Championship on May 8-9.

For veteran rowers, the event serves as a chance to reacquire themselves with the course, and for the novice rowers it was their first chance to find out how cold the water can be on an early morning launch without a boat ramp.

### Boys beat top crews

On a cold, windless day that occasionally threatened rain, the Oakland Strokes boys stayed hot and claimed victory in all of their varsity events, beating some of the top crews in California.

The red-hot Strokes varsity boat continued its streak of two weeks ago at the San Diego Crew Classic.

The Strokes boys varsity eight rowers staked their claim to the top ranking in California Junior

Rowing with a convincing victory over Capital Crew of Rancho Cordova and Pacific Rowing Club. Two weeks earlier, when many of the West Coast powers squared off at the San Diego Crew Classic, Capital Crew defeated the Strokes in a preliminary heat. Both crews advanced in the San Diego race and in an exciting final the following day, the Strokes built a 5-second early lead and held off an impressive closing sprint by Capital.

On Saturday, the Strokes again built a one-boat-length lead over the first 1,500 meters. When Capital raised to 39 strokes per minute for the closing 500 meters, the Strokes stepped up as

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## Facility is long time coming

Cal's rowing program, with a storied tradition, is getting a new boathouse

By Mike McGreehan  
STAFF WRITER

**OAKLAND** — Rowing has a great tradition at the University of California, starting when the school first opened its doors in 1868. Through the years, Cal crews have combined to win 30 national titles, and three men's teams have gone on to win gold medals while representing the United States in the 1928, '32 and '48 Olympics.

Soon, the Bears will begin a new chapter in their history with the opening of the T. Gary Rogers Boathouse on the Oakland Estuary.

Construction already is under way, with the facility slated to open this summer. The official



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**CAL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR** and crew coach Steve Gladstone looks over the construction of the new T. Gary Rogers Boathouse along the Oakland Estuary.

groundbreaking, however, took place on Wednesday with Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown (a 1961 Cal graduate) and city councilmember Ignacio de la Fuente among the guest speakers.

The facility under construction is located at the end of

Derby Avenue on Glascock Street, just down the road from the site of the former facility, the Ky Ebright Boathouse that served as Cal's home on the estuary for nearly eight decades.

The old boathouse was itself part of Cal crew's storied past, a

facility built in 1924 and eventually named for Carroll "Ky" Ebright, Cal's men's varsity coach from 1924 through 1959.

Time, however, marches on — the current program had out-

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WIN CURRIER

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BOARD OPERATOR for  
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Back when there were two  
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the salaries were. There were  
no reasons for that. The first  
as it was (and is) nobody's  
business but the player's, his  
family's and the Internal Re-  
venue Service's. The second was  
that the owners (and maybe  
the players) weren't about to  
let folks know how little money  
the pay envelope contained.

Fans could expect the same  
players to be on the field every  
game. Not only that, the old  
League played something  
like a 180-some game season  
and none of the players were  
the worse for wear. As those  
players who genuinely loved  
the game said, "It beats work-  
ing for a living."

Read sports pages these  
days and instead of just know-  
ing basic baseball terminology,

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# Spartans will try to snap losing skid vs. Hornets

By Phil Jensen  
STAFF WRITER

**T**HERE DEFINITELY WILL be a favorite and an underdog when Alameda High School's softball team travels to face Pinole Valley on Wednesday in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League showdown.

Alameda had a 33-game ACCAL winning streak entering this week's action, including back-to-back 14-0 league campaigns in 2002 and 2003. Alameda has been the ACCAL champion or co-champion the

## ACCAL NOTEBOOK

past four seasons.

Pinole Valley has not gained a league victory over Alameda since 2001, when the teams tied for the ACCAL title. The Spartans' only two league losses last season were to Alameda.

Both teams entered ACCAL action this week with 5-0 records. Their game will be at Ellerhorst Elementary School in Pinole at 3:30 p.m.

"I think it's really going to

be a good game," Alameda coach Linda Brown said Tuesday. "Pinole is playing some really good ball right now. It should be a fun, competitive game."

The Hornets also are playing some really good ball. On Saturday, they took third place in the rough Livermore Stampede with a 4-1 win over Campolindo, which improved the Hornets' overall record this season to 12-2. They lost to Carondelet 1-0 in eight innings in the semifinals.

"I think we've been really

consistent," Brown said. "Our defense is tight, we're making plays, trying to keep the errors down in numbers. I think all three of our pitchers are coming around and giving good innings. Most of the time, our bats are there."

Laura Yastishak and Sierra Pereira combined to pitch a five-hitter against Campolindo in the third-place game. Pereira hurled a four-hitter against Carondelet with 12 strikeouts.

Pinole Valley was 3-1 last week at the Standley Cup tournament in Hayward, but its 3-0

loss to Newark Memorial had some benefits.

"That was kind of a good preview to get us ready (for Alameda). We saw a good pitcher. We lost 3-0, but it was a good wake-up call for us," Pinole Valley coach Gary Torres said Tuesday. "We now know what we have to do to get up to that level. It was a good experience for us."

The Spartans, who were 13-3 overall entering this week's action, have continued to receive good hitting from catcher Jenna Peters, among others.

Peters was 9-for-13 in the double tournament with two home runs and two RBIs.

Teammate Jenna Peters finished the race with a 5-for-10 with a double and a home run and seven RBIs. She also had a 2-1 record in the mound.

The game originally scheduled for today had changed to Wednesday. Pinole Valley's junior pitcher, Torres said.

"It was good sportsmanship by the Alameda coach," said.

## Strokes

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well and opened their lead to almost two boat lengths at the finish. Times were Oakland, 6 minutes, 7 seconds; Capital 6:16, and Pacific 6:34.

Oakland's varsity is coxed by Alysha Koorji (a senior at Miramonte High School) and rowed by Jonathan Viel (junior, Piedmont), Anthony Faden (senior, Alacanes), Roman Rezanowicz (senior, St. Joseph Notre Dame), Matt King (senior, Piedmont), Pete Collier (senior, Albany), Sam Baum (junior, Berkeley), Rudy Gustafson (junior, Berkeley) and Josh Sowick (senior, Piedmont).

The Strokes boys junior varsity contributed to the Strokes' sweep of the day's racing with a six-second victory.

The JV boys boat returned to winning form by beating Capital (6:33.9) with a time of 6:27.9.

"That was just a good, good race," JV coxswain Zach Vlahos said.

The 3V boys boat placed third with a time of 6:59.7. The JV boat was coxed by Vlahos (Piedmont), and rowed by Leif Andre (Miramonte), Andrew Ratcliffe (Piedmont), Dan O'Connell (De La Salle), David Houska (Head-Royce), Ross Goodwin (Miramonte), Ross Doering (Alameda), Alex Baker-Lubin (St. Mary's), and Scott Davidson (Golden Gate Apple).

In the third boys race of the day, the lightweight eight boys boat was in fine form with a commanding win in 6:24 over Capital (6:39).

## Strokes girls win third league race

The Strokes girls opened the day by sweeping Capital in the JV/3V race. Elissa Malmquist (Campolindo) stroked the JV, joined by Emily Ratcliffe (Piedmont), Victoria Peckham (Piedmont), Tory Kaso (Holy Names), Hayley Fish (Monte Vista), Simone Price (Campolindo), Rebekah Kharrazi (Alameda Community Learning), and Zoey Balance (CPS). Emily Gibson (Head-Royce) was the coxswain.

Later, the girls varsity eight again defeated Capital by a number of boat lengths of open water. Ariel Frost (CPS) coxed the varsity eight to a winning time of 6:43. Stroke Lauren Hofmayer (Miramonte) paced Joanna Jacob (Berkeley High), Emilee Johnson (Connecting Waters Continuation), Taryn O'Connell (Carondelet), Ashley Jones (Skyline), and Piedmont High rowers Katie Sherman, Alana Kopke and Sarah Moore.

Coach Derek Byrnes said he was pleased with the progress that his girls crews are making. With three weeks left before the Southwest Regional, he said that they still had a lot of serious work left to prepare for the race that will determine whether they will represent the region at the National Junior Championships, held in Cincinnati this June.

## Boys novices stay undefeated

The Novice Men "A" and "B" boats continued their undefeated streaks at Lake Natoma.

The "A" boat came in with a time of 6:29.15, beating Capital's boat (6:33.24), Bair Island

(7:02.77), and another Capital eight (7:45.2). The boat was coxed by Sarah Heetderks (Miramonte), and was stroked by Harold Vaernes (Bishop O'Dowd). From seven seat to bow seat, the lineup was Raphael Peterson (Piedmont), Zack Laher (Miramonte), Sam Fishman (Piedmont), Cole Masse (El Cerrito), David Hofmayer (Miramonte), Mike Brenner (Alacanes), and Mark Gallegos (San Ramon Valley).

The "B" boat race proved to be one of the closest races of the day, with the Oakland Strokes "B" (6:51.15) narrowly prevailing over Capital's "B" boat (6:52.26).

The Oakland Strokes "C" (7:20.47) finished third, ahead of Capital's "C" (7:55.17). The Strokes "B" boat was coxed by Drew Joseph (Piedmont) and was stroked by Mac Farrell (Miramonte).

In seats seven through bow were Chris Kohne and Shane Thygeson (both Piedmont), Ben Rockwell and Andre Ospital-Cone (both Campolindo), Chris Welter and Nico Wrenn (both Piedmont), and Billy Hughes (Miramonte).

The "C" boat was coxed again by Heetderks, and featured novice rowers Brett Yount (Alameda), Sheldon Silvera (Miramonte), Jeff Biezman (Monte Vista), and Erik Holgerson (St. Joseph).

## Girls novices also win

The novice girls "A" event was captured by the Strokes in a time of 7:27.28. The "A" Boat was coxed by Francesca Chang (Campolindo) with rowers, from stroke to bow, Heather Lynch (St. Joseph), Genny Johnson

(Bishop O'Dowd), Pia Hauch (Bentley), Kate Hruska (Albany), Kaitlin Davis (Miramonte), Mary Ellen King (Miramonte), Claire Swanback (Campolindo) and Jessie Toda (Campolindo).

The "B" series race saw a fierce battle as Oakland Strokes boats took both first and second place. The "B" Boat won the race with a time of 7:35.68. The "B" Boat was coxed by Brittany Yung (Sacred Heart). The rowers, from stroke to bow seat were: Claire Compton (Bentley), Stephanie Bohar (Piedmont), Sarah Schiller (Piedmont), Becca Kuensting (Bishop O'Dowd), Bronwyn McGinley-Bradley (San Francisco Waldorf), Dakota Coleman (St. Joseph), Emily Lewis (St. Joseph) and Laura Peers (Campolindo).

The "C" boat placed second with a time of 7:52.92. It was

coxed by Alaizah Koorji (Miramonte) with rowers, from stroke to bow: Bianca Molino (Holy Names), Lara Keihner, Becca Girtler (Miramonte), Lila Miller (Piedmont), Sabrina Thompson (Bishop O'Dowd), Grainne Hebel (East Bay Waldorf) and Mayaghan Haley and Jeana Alayaga (Alacanes).

The freshman girls entries provided an exciting race with the Strokes "A" boat pulling into the lead for a fast finish of 7:45.62.

The winning boat was coxed by Shira Kharrazi (Alameda Community Learning Center). The rowers, beginning with stroke seat, were Claire Compton (Bentley), Stephanie Bohar (Piedmont), Pia Hauch (Bentley), Becca Kuensting (Bishop O'Dowd), Sarah Schiller (Pied-

mont), Dakota Coleman (Joseph), Kaitlin Davis (Monte), and Alex Revell (Monte).

The freshman girls finished the race with a 5:05.79. The "B" Boat was coxed by Carla Medina (Monte) with rowers, from stroke to bow: Emily Lewis (St. Joseph), Hennessey (Piedmont), Bianca Molino, Rose Sullivan (Alameda), Hayley Anderson (Alameda), Jeana Alayaga (Alacanes), Allison Freeman (Alameda), and Elena McMartyn (St. Joseph).

**NEXT:** This Saturday, Strokes host Marin, Palo Alto and the last league race of the season will be the last league race of the season and the last chance for Strokes at home.

## Cal

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grown its old boathouse.

"The (new) facility now will be able to accommodate the men and women with efficiency (Cal began its women's program in 1975)," said Cal varsity men's coach Steve Gladstone, who also is the university's athletic director. "The added space allows us to do our training in one location."

The Ky Ebright Boathouse, which had been situated just up the road on Glascok Street, sat on property just 50 feet wide. The new facility sits on a parcel 150 feet wide.

Construction also involves more than just the T. Gary Rogers Boathouse. Three new

boat sheds also are going up and — in keeping with tradition — the front of the Ky Ebright Boathouse has been moved to the property and is under renovation.

"It's really a village," said Rogers, for whom the new boathouse is named. "This is truly a first-rate facility."

The new boathouse will have locker rooms and training facilities. Rogers and Friends of Cal Crew organization also envision the renovated part of the Ky Ebright Boathouse will serve as a postgraduate and perhaps an Olympic training center.

Funding for the construction and renovation came from private donations, with Rogers — who rowed for Cal in the early 1960s — funding about half the cost of the approximately \$7.5 million project.

"For me, (rowing) is a life-changing event," said. "I learned lessons four years that have served me well in life. Under Stone, I think that those ones are being replaced by current Cal rowers. It's thing I really want to do."

The Oakland waterfront area of Glascok Street, Derby Avenue is changing a new residential complex shape in what had largely industrial area. Gary Rogers Boathouse well with the changes.

In all, the project is the old and the new. Cal about tradition, with rowing the university's oldest. And with the opening of Gary Rogers Boathouse, tradition looks to continue to come.

## ON DECK

### Prep baseball

■ **St. Mary's at St. Joseph**, 3:30 p.m. today — The Panthers' only loss in Bay Shore Athletic League play heading into this week was to the Pilots (3-2 on March 17).

■ **De Anza at El Cerrito**, Cerrito Vista Park, 3:30 p.m. today — The Gauchos need a win against the Dons to keep contact with the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League leaders.

### Prep girls track

■ **Piedmont, St. Patrick at St. Mary's**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday — The Panthers and Highlanders, two BSAL powers, clash in this tri-meet.

### Stars of the week

■ **Mike Durant**, Berkeley baseball — The junior third baseman was 7-for-10 at the plate at the San Marin Tournament with four runs scored and six RBIs, including two home runs. The Yellow Jackets finished third.

■ **Greg Murray**, El Cerrito baseball — Murray was 3-for-4 with a run scored, two RBI and two stolen bases in the Gauchos' 9-3 win over Amador Valley in the third-place game of the Alhambra Easter Classic. He had two RBI hits in the first inning, a single and a double. Murray also had a double in a 5-4 El Cerrito loss to Alhambra in the touney.

## Currier

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the reader should keep at hand a dictionary of body parts, explaining which bone goes where and if it doesn't why not. It's not the simple, "the hip bone's connected with the thigh bone," etc. and "praise the work of the Lord."

Looking back on pre-modern injuries, one might suspect that such body parts as a rotator cuff had been newly inserted into earthlings. Or maybe it was there and nobody noticed.

At least nobody talked about it. Players had a "sore shoulder," a "sore arm" or a "charley horse." Basic stuff folks could understand. Not the sophisticated terms ... and, in many cases, sophisticated forms of diagnosing and repairing or curing problems that we have today.

One wonders, though, how so many ballplayers of long ago had such lengthy careers. Supposedly our nutrition is better, although "experts" will tell us that something is good for

us, oops, no it's really bad for us ... oops again, yeah it's good, but, then again ...

Like listening to weather forecasts. Switch channels until you find one you like.

And, of course, aside from the financial standpoint, there is, of all things, the human element.

There are some who just don't want to play with a minor hurt. After all, no doctor, no

team manager, can prove that something isn't painful. Like, "it only hurts when I do whatever ... so just don't do whatever."

Here, of course, we're talking about baseball players or athletes in general. But the same applies, doesn't it, in any workplace?

Somebody calls in "sick" when they really could go to work (unless it's something contagious). The boss doesn't

know for sure whether someone is malingering or is genuinely ailing or grieving. Besides, Aunt Matilda's funeral can happen only so many times.

But, then again, few among us have our salary published in newspapers and aired on television.

But, if we were paid that much, it probably wouldn't ruffle our feathers.

Or rotator cuff, either.

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**"MOMO":** Yes, a lot of "The ... chauvinistic hokum. But ... hokum it is! ... filmmakers are done ... expository stuff about the ... Texas provisional ... zero in on prin ... including Jim Bowie (Ja ... Dargis), Davy Crockett (Bil ... ) and Sam Houston ... And they deliver ... Quick). And they deliver ... that feels both tradi ... and contemporary. Not ... serious students of his ... G. Lovell. (PG-13: ex ... violence.) 2 hours, ... B

**"BARBARIAN INVASIONS":** ... comic drama about at ... make sense of one's ... writer-director Denys Ar ... bemark biting wit. Much ... his energy comes from ... (Jerry Girard), a sybaritic ... of history now dying of ... disease in a hellishly ... Montreal hospital. ... against an ex-wife; he ... about humanity, but most ... at his wit's end about ... (Stephanie ...). This Cannes prize-win ... sequel to Arcand's "The ... of the American Empire." ... (R: language, sexual ... and drug content.) 1 hour, ... B+

**"VOYAGE":** Regardless of ... may feel about World War ... starting roll, you're likely ... pressed by Jean-Paul Rap ... its intricate, energetic and ... heroic film. Set primarily

in Bordeaux as the rich, the felons and the future capitalists of Paris gather in flight from the advancing Nazis, it's a marvel of silly improbability, serious historical criticism and romantic intrigue. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: violence, language, in French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. B

**"CONNIE AND CARLA":** In this hokey, predictable comedy, Nia Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" fame plays Connie, who with Carla (Toni Collette) gets caught up in a drug deal that forces them to take cover in Los Angeles. There they go underground, impersonating drag queens in a gay club. Meanwhile, Jeff (David Duchovny) wanders through to make amends with his flamboyantly gay brother and a smitten Connie longs to reveal her true sexuality. — E. Bark. (PG-13: thematic elements, sexual humor, drug references.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C

**"DAWN OF THE DEAD":** In this high-octane update of the '70s zombie fest, Anne (Sarah Polk) awakens one morning to find the world in chaos from a plague of flesh-munching zombies, so she hooks up with a group of survivors who barricade themselves in a shopping mall. The nimble zombies of the film would be a decent innovation to this horror subgenre if it had not already been done better and scarier in last year's "28 Days Later." — D. Germain. (R: pervasive strong horror violence and gore, language, sexuality.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. C

**"DOGVILLE":** Once upon a time in America, a young fugitive, Grace (Nicole Kidman), takes refuge in a Rocky Mountain township called Dogville. Initially suspicious of the stranger, the townspeople take Grace into their cautious embrace and gradually offer her shelter, work and fellowship. Set on a large soundstage with a smattering of props — with the houses, streets and even a family dog rendered in white outlines on the dark floor — "Dogville" is a provocation, a coup de theatre and three hours of tedious experimentation. — M. Dargis. (R: violence, sexual content.) 2 hour, 57 minutes. C+

**"THE DREAMERS":** Bernardo Bertolucci will soon be 64, but this NC-17-rated film seems like the sex fantasies of a college student with a bong. Set in Paris during the 1968 riots, it focuses less on politics than the sexual envelope-pushing of its three young, gorgeous protagonists. Quasi-incest, even. Dresses up sex as high art, with disposable intellectualism. — M. Pols. (NC-17: explicit sexual content.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. C-

**"ELLA ENCHANTED":** This quasi-musical teen spin on the Cinderella fantasy is based on Gail Carson Levine's novel about Ella (Anne Hathaway), who's given the "gift" of obedience by an idiot fairy godmother. This becomes a problem when she meets Prince Char, and her evil stepmom and horse-faced stepsisters conspire to foil the romance-to-be. So Ella sets out to find the fairy who screwed up her life. — R. Moore. (PG: crude humor, language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C-

**"ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND":** Screenwriter Charlie Kaufman and director Michel Gondry give us a mix of black comedy, shaggy-dog romance, retro sci-fi and meta-physics. Two people (Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet) meet at the beach and experience flashes of déjà vu. They're former lovers who, compliments of the Lacuna Agency, have had their memories erased, and with them, all residual heartache. That they again collide and mysteriously are smitten says something fundamental about the course of true love. — G. Lovell. (R: slight nudity, profanity.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. A-

**"THE FOG OF WAR":** Errol Morris' Oscar-winning documentary about the life lessons learned by Robert S. McNamara, former secretary of Defense for JFK and LBJ, from his involvement in World War II and the Vietnam War. Begs more questions than it answers, and don't expect an apology from McNamara, who is still cagey. Make no mistake: He's in charge, not Morris. But the film is of obvious interest, and in these uncertain times, the lessons McNamara gleaned in hindsight are of piercing relevance. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some scenes of violence.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. B+

**"THE GIRL NEXT DOOR":** An 18-year-old overachiever falls for the new girl next door who just happens to be ... an ex-porn star! This leering premise could have fueled a raucous teen comedy, but the film strives, lamely, for something more. A "Risky Business" rip-off, slathered in cheese. — J. Boyar. (R: strong sexual content, some language, some drug/alcohol use.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. C

**"GOOD BYE, LENINI!":** This film is funny but not a comedy, serious but never overbearing, emotional in

an engaging and bittersweet way. Right before the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, Alex's socialist mother, Christiane, falls into a coma, sleeping through "the biggest eight months in modern German history." When she does wake up, the doctor warns that excitement could be life-threatening. Determined to protect her, Alex devotes most of his waking hours to re-creating the gone world of East Germany for his bedridden mother — K. Turan. (R: brief language, sexuality, in German with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. A

**"HELLBOY":** Someone claiming to be Rasputin reaches through a portal to the fiery pit of hell and delivers Satan's spawn. The little devil, sprouting horns and a tail, is greeted as a harbinger of the Apocalypse by a Nazi she-wolf! That's how we meet the grown-up Hellboy (Ron Perlman), now a superhero who has conquered his evil impulses and developed his paranormal powers. A monster-slayer with a houseful of kitties might seem odd, but writer-director Guillermo Del Toro delivers the most successful transformation from pulp page to big screen since the first "Batman." — B. Newman. (PG-13: action violence, frightening images.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. B

**"HIDALGO":** Viggo Mortensen stars in this Disney Western about a man, a Bedouin princess, a femme fatale, a painted horse and a race across 3,000 miles of Arabian desert, circa 1890. He's Frank T. Hopkins, a U.S. Cavalry courier and long-distance horse racer rescued from a life of touring with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show by sheikhs with an eye for competition. Omar Sharif makes a plausible sheikh, and Mortensen, who underplays his role, looks great on horseback. But the generic evil Arabs, princess and others fail to impress. — R. Moore. (PG-13: adventure violence, some mild innuendo.) 2 hour, 16 minutes. C

**"HOME ON THE RANGE":** As Disney movies go, this one's not great enough to become an instant classic, but it's darn cute and features an impressive array of vocal talent, including Roseanne Barr as the voice of Maggie, a crass show cow. Other stars are Cuba Gooding Jr., Jennifer Tilly and Randy Quaid. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: brief mild rude humor.) 1 hour, 16 minutes. B-

**"INTERMISSION":** Colin Farrell stars, along with Cillian Murphy and Kelly Macdonald as an aimless Dublin couple. He tests her commitment by telling her it's over; but

OPENING TODAY

**"I'M NOT SCARED" (R)**  
A 10-year-old boy happens upon a secret bunker — and a shocking revelation — in his remote Italian village.  
**"LA VIE PROMISE" (NR)**  
Isabelle Huppert plays a prostitute whose 14-year-old daughter flees foster care and seeks her out.

**"MAN ON FIRE" (R)**  
Denzel Washington is an ex-CIA man who becomes bodyguard to a 9-year-old living in Mexico with her wealthy family.  
**"13 GOING ON 30" (PG-13)**  
A 13-year-old turns 30 overnight in this romantic comedy starring Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo.

rather than protest, she goes off with a married man, whose wife responds with rampant revenge sex. The film sometimes goes too far in connecting its multi-narrative dots, but there's joy, too. — T. Burr. (R: pervasive language, some sexual content, violence.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. B

**"JERSEY GIRL":** Ben Affleck is Ollie, a slick music publicist whose wife (Jennifer Lopez) dies during childbirth. Skip ahead seven years: Ollie lives with his dad — and daughter Gerlie — in New Jersey, toils in public works and doesn't date much. At least until a video-store clerk (Liv Tyler) hits on him and starts mothering Gerlie. The crisis: Should he go back to the big city and break up this family unit? So bad it makes you wonder what happened to director Kevin Smith. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: language and sexual content, including frank dialogue.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. D+

**"JOHNSON FAMILY VACATION":** High prices at the gas pump are nothing compared to the cost-per-laughs ratio in this road-trip comedy starring Cedric the Entertainer, Vanessa Williams and Bow Wow. Despite the great cast, this reshoot of the "National Lampoon" vacation movies is crammed with frantic burlesque and way too many potty jokes. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: bathroom humor.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. C-

**"KILL BILL: VOL. 2":** Director Quentin Tarantino has borrowed from an international grab bag of dime amusements — kung fu movies, spaghetti Westerns and comic books. Uma Thurman returns as the Bride in this second-in-stallment revenge flick, with David Carradine as Bill. It has little of the over-the-top violence of the first movie. In this one, before people fall over dead, they are subjected to Tarantino's customary filibustering fusillade of words. At times, you may find yourself wishing that Bill or the Bride would just shut up and kill somebody. — B. Newman. (R: violence, profanity.) 2 hour, 16 minutes. C+

**"THE LADYKILLERS":** The remake of a '50s classic, courtesy of the Coen brothers. An elderly Southern lady with a room to rent (Irma P. Hall) opens her home to Goldthwait Higginson Dorr, Ph.D. (Tom Hanks), a permanently nontenured professor of sleazology. He convinces her that his musical group is practicing in her root cellar; really, they're tunneling toward the counting room of a riverboat casino. The rousing regional soundtrack is so good, it just about overwhelms this little heist picture. — B. Newman. (R: violence, nudity, profanity, crude humor.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C+

**"THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING":** Director Peter Jackson's magnificent finale to the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy reminds us of the magic possible in filmmaking. The journey into Mordor continues, simultaneously with the defense of Gondor against the Orc army. Standout performances include Sean Astin as Samwise Gamgee, Miranda Otto's woman warrior and Viggo Mortensen as Aragorn, whose rallying cry in battle makes you want to throw down

your popcorn, pick up a sword and rush the screen to help. An epic, a masterpiece, a treasure. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense battle sequences, frightening images.) 3 hours, 21 minutes. A

**"MAYOR OF THE SUNSET STRIP":** At the peak of his influence as a nightclub proprietor and disc jockey, Rodney Bingenheimer was a gatekeeper to the stars. His life is a typical Tinseltown story: adolescent outcast who, drawn by the flame of celebrity, moved to Hollywood in the mid-1960s. There he parlayed a job as a double for Davy Jones of the Monkees into a full-time career as a scene-maker. The director is too discreet to try to get to the essence of his subject unless, of course, there's no essence to find, just a shell that Hollywood has drained of any identity. — S. Holden. (R: strong language.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. C+

**"MONSIEUR IBRAHIM":** Omar Sharif returns to the screen in one of the richest roles of his 50-year career. Ibrahim is a Turkish-born Muslim, an unpretentious grocer rich in spirit rather than material wealth. The film initially focuses on Momo (Pierre Boulanger), a Jewish teenager who lives nearby with his rigid and hypercritical father. A father-and-son bond eventually grows between Ibrahim and Momo as Momo's relationship with his actual father deteriorates. — K. Thomas. (R: some sexual content, in French and Turkish with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B+

**"OSAMA":** This fictional Afghan film takes place sometime before U.S. bombs began falling on Kabul, when the Taliban was ravaging the country. It recounts the twisted story of a 12-year-old girl forced into male disguise in order to work to feed herself, her mother and grandmother, and that of Afghan women whose right to exist was all but denied in the name of God. Raw and wretchedly current, it packs a cruel emotional wallop. — M. Dargis. (PG-13: mature thematic elements.) 1 hour, 22 minutes. B+

**"THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST":** Mel Gibson directed and co-wrote this literal — and relentlessly brutal — retelling of the last 12 hours of Jesus' life. Although deeply intense and at times moving, the film is so violent, it ultimately pushes the viewer away and squanders its opportunity to enlighten. The best scenes are between Mary and her son, when Gibson backs off and lets the humanity shine through. — K. Hershenson. (R: intense graphic violence.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. C

**"THE PRINCE & ME":** Luke Mably plays the juvenile, insensitive Prince Edward Valdemar of Denmark, who decides to go to school in Wisconsin after seeing a leering TV show about the ample women there. Almost immediately, Edward/Eddie makes a bad impression on Paige Morgan (Julia Stiles), a no-nonsense pre-med student, yet he pursues her. It's only a matter of time before she weakens and takes a liking to him, of course not knowing he's a prince. — J. Baltake. (PG-13: language, violence, sexuality, drug use.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. C-

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Alameda County

**Al and 2**  
Plaza Street, Berkeley 510-548-7249  
... Brothers (R) ... (R) 6:45, 9:20 ... Promise (Not Rated) 7, 9:15.

**Any Twin**  
... Albany 510-524-9588  
... Summer, Fall, Winter...and ... 7:10, 9:30.

**Bay Street 16**  
... Emeryville 510-457-4282  
... (PG-13) 12, 12:45, 1:30, ... 5:45, 6:30, 7:30, 8:15, 9, 10, ... 1:30, ... 1:40, 7:20, 10:30.  
... of the Spotted Mind (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7, 9:30.  
... (PG-13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, ... 6:55, ... 1:15, 1:45, 3:30, 4:45, ... 10:30, 11:15.  
... (R) 1:10, 3:40, 7:20, 9:45.  
... (R) 1:30, 1:45, 3:15, 4:30, ... 7:15, 8:55, 10, 11:30.  
... (PG-13) 1:15, 6:30, 11, 15, ... 3:45, 6:45, 9, 10, ... 3:30, 8:45.  
... (PG-13) 1:25, 3:50, 7:35, ... 9:10.

**California Theatre**  
... Berkeley 510-848-0249  
... (PG-13) 5:20, 7:30, 9:40.  
... of the Spotted Mind (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7, 9:30.  
... (Not Rated) 5:15, 7:15, ... 9:10.

**Chabot Space & Science Center**  
... Oakland 510-336-7300  
... (Not Rated) 8:30.  
... Body (Not Rated) 7:30.

**Wood 3**  
... Berkeley 510-849-0530  
... (PG-13) 4:25, 8:50.  
... (PG-13) 9:15.  
... of the Christ (R) 6, 8:40.  
... (R) 7:25.

**Renaissance Grand Lake Theatre**  
... Oakland 510-452-3556  
... (PG-13) 12, 2, 4, 6, 8, ... 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, ... 4:15, 7:15, 9:45, ... 3:45, 7, 9:45.

**London Stadium**  
... Oakland 510-433-1320  
... (PG-13) 1:10, 12:30, 2, ... 7:15, 9:45, 10:30.  
... (PG-13) 1:05, 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, ... 1:15, 5:40.  
... (R) 1:25, 12:45, 2:15, 3:45, ... 7:50, 9:50, 10:35.

**Man on Fire (R)** 12, 1, 3:15, 4:15, 7, 7:30, 10:10, 10:40.  
**The Punisher (R)** 11, 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25.

**Renaissance Oaks Theatre**  
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1536  
**Ella Enchanted (PG)** 7, 9.  
**Home On the Range (PG)** 6.  
**The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13)** 7:35.

**Parkway Theater**  
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400  
**Day of the Dead (R)** 9:45.  
**The Dreamers (NC-17)** 6:30.  
**The Ladykillers (R)** 9:15.  
**Starsky & Hutch (PG-13)** 7.

**Piedmont Theatre**  
4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-854-2758  
**Dogville (R)** 12:30, 4:15, 8.  
**Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R)** 1:15, 4:30, 7, 9:30.  
**Goodbye, Lenin! (R)** 1, 4, 6:45, 9:20.

**Shattuck Cinemas**  
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-644-2992  
**13 Going on 30 (PG-13)** 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45.  
**Don Voyage (PG-13)** 2, 4:30, 7, 9:35.  
**City of God (R)** 3:45, 9:15.  
**Dogville (R)** 12:40, 4:20, 8.  
**The Fog of War (PG-13)** 1:30, 4, 7:05, 9:30.  
**The Ladykillers (R)** 2:10, 4:35, 6:55, 9:40.  
**Monsieur Ibrahim (R)** 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25.  
**Osama (PG-13)** 12:50, 2:50, 4:50, 6:50, 8:50.  
**The Prince & Me (PG)** 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10.  
**Touching the Void (Not Rated)** 1:15, 6:45.  
**The Triplets of Belleville (PG-13)** 1, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20.

**United Artists Berkeley 7**  
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-0193  
**Helloboy (PG-13)** 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:10, 10:45.  
**Johnson Family Vacation (PG-13)** 12, 2:20, 5, 7:30, 9:50.  
**Kill Bill Vol. 2 (R)** 12:15, 1:15, 3:15, 4:35, 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45.  
**Man on Fire (R)** 12:10, 1, 3:45, 4:45, 7:10, 8, 10:30.  
**The Punisher (R)** 12:30, 3:30, 7, 9:45.

**United Artists Emery Bay**  
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0492  
**Connie & Carla (PG-13)** 12, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30.  
**Ella Enchanted (PG)** 12:30, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50.  
**Helloboy (PG-13)** 12, 2:40, 5:20, 7, 8, 9:45, 10:40.  
**Home On the Range (PG)** 12, 2, 4, 5:55, 7:50.  
**Johnson Family Vacation (PG-13)** 12:10, 1, 2:30, 3:20, 4:50, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:40, 10:40.  
**Man on Fire (R)** 12:30, 1:30, 3:45, 4:45, 7, 8, 10:15, 11:15.  
**The Passion of the Christ (R)** 10, 7:40.  
**Prince & Me (PG)** 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10.  
**Scorpy-Doo 2 (PG)** 12:20, 2:30, 4:50.

**Central Contra Costa**  
**Renaissance Orinda**

**Theatre**  
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060  
**The Barbarian Invasions (R)** 7:40, 9:40.  
**Home On the Range (PG)** 1:15, 3, 4:30, 6.  
**Kill Bill Vol. 2 (R)** 1, 4, 7, 9:35.  
**Man on Fire (R)** 12:45, 4:15, 7:30.

**Renaissance Park Theatre**  
3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 925-283-7997  
**Connie & Carla (PG-13)** 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25.

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**Century 16 Hilltop**  
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345  
**13 Going on 30 (PG-13)** 11:30, 12:40, 1:50, 3, 4:10, 5:20, 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, 10, 10:25.  
**The Alamo (PG-13)** 4:05, 10:10.  
**Connie & Carla (PG-13)** 11:50, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05.  
**Ella Enchanted (PG)** 11:35, 2, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45.  
**Helloboy (PG-13)** 11:20, 1:55, 4:30, 7:35, 10:25.  
**Home On the Range (PG)** 11:20, 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20.  
**Johnson Family Vacation (PG-13)** 11:25, 12:35, 1:45, 3, 5:25, 8, 10:20.  
**Kill Bill Vol. 2 (R)** 11:15, 12:50, 2:25, 4, 5:35, 7:10, 8:45, 9:30, 10:20.  
**Man on Fire (R)** 11:40, 12:45, 2:55, 3:55, 5, 6:15, 7:05, 8:10, 9:20, 10:15.  
**The Passion of the Christ (R)** 12:55, 7:05.  
**The Punisher (R)** 11:30, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 9:10, 10:30.  
**Scorpy-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG)** 11:45, 2:20, 4:40, 7.  
**Walking Tall (PG-13)** 11:25, 1:30, 3:35, 5:45, 8:05, 10:25.

**San Francisco**

**AMC Van Ness 14**  
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262  
**13 Going on 30 (PG-13)** 12:15, 1:30, 4:15, 4:50, 7, 7:30, 9:35, 10:05.  
**Connie & Carla (PG-13)** 2:05, 4:50, 7:25, 10.  
**Ella Enchanted (PG)** 2:25, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50.  
**The Girl Next Door (R)** 2:15, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20.  
**Helloboy (PG-13)** 1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 10:20.  
**Johnson Family Vacation (PG-13)** 1:50, 5, 7:25, 10.  
**Kill Bill Vol. 2 (R)** 12:45, 4, 7:15, 10:35.  
**The Ladykillers (R)** 1, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35.  
**Man on Fire (R)** 11:45, 12:15, 3, 3:45, 6:15, 7, 9:30, 10:15.  
**The Prince & Me (PG)** 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45.  
**The Punisher (R)** 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:40.  
**Taking Lives (R)** 1:35, 8:05.  
**Walking Tall (PG-13)** 5:50, 10:40.

**AMC Kabuki 8**  
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-931-9800  
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**Bridge Theatre**  
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-751-3213  
**Dogville (R)** 12:40, 4:20, 8.

**Clay Theatre**  
2261 Filmore Street, San Francisco 415-346-1124  
**Don Voyage (PG-13)** 1:40, 4:20, 7, 9:30  
**Dazed and Confused (R)**

**Embarcadero Center Cinemas**  
Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0835  
**Goodbye, Lenin! (R)** 1, 4:10, 7, 9:40.  
**I'm Not Scared (R)** 12:10, 2:35, 5, 7:30, 10.  
**Intermission (R)** 1:10, 4, 7:20, 9:50.  
**Latter Days (Not Rated)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:25.  
**Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter...and Spring (R)** 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35.

**Lumiere Theatre**  
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-885-3201  
**Monsieur Ibrahim (R)** 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15.  
**Shogun Soccer (PG-13)** 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:30.  
**The Triplets of Belleville (PG-13)** 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45.

**Opera Plaza Cinema**  
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-771-0183  
**The Dreamers (NC-17)** 1:30, 6:45.  
**La Vie Promise (Not Rated)** 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40.  
**Mayor of the Sunset Strip (R)** 4, 9:20.  
**Robot Stories (Not Rated)** 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50.  
**Touching the Void (Not Rated)** 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:30.

**The Red Vic Theatre**  
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-688-3994  
**Tamale 2010: A Punk Kitty in Space** 7:15, 9:15.

**Loews Theatres Metreon**  
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-389-6201  
**13 Going on 30 (PG-13)** 10:40, 11:50, 1:30, 2:40, 4:20, 5:30, 7:10, 8:20, 10, 11:10.  
**The Alamo (PG-13)** 2:50, 8:30.  
**Connie & Carla (PG-13)** 11:10, 2, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20.  
**Ella Enchanted (PG)** 11:20, 1:35, 4:10, 6:35, 9:10.  
**Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R)** 10:35, 1, 3:50, 6:30, 9, 11:30.  
**Helloboy (PG-13)** 10:45, 1:40, 4:30, 7:50, 10:50.  
**Johnson Family Vacation (PG-13)** 10:50, 1:10, 4, 6:40, 9:20, 11:50.  
**Kill Bill Vol. 2 (R)** 10:30, 11, 12, 2:30, 3:30, 5:10, 6, 7, 9:30, 10:30, 12.  
**The Ladykillers (R)** 11:30, 2:10, 5, 8:10, 10:40.  
**Man on Fire (R)** 11:40, 1:20, 3, 4:40, 6:20, 8, 9:50, 10:20.  
**The Punisher (R)** 12:30, 1:50, 3:40, 6:50, 8:40, 10:40.  
**Walking Tall (PG-13)** 12:20, 8:10, 11:40.

**Loews IMAX Theatre**  
101 Fourth Street, San Francisco 415-389-6201  
**Kill Bill Vol. 2 (R)** 7:40, 11.  
**NASCAR 3D: The IMAX Experience (Not Rated)** 1:30, 3, 6.  
**Sacred Planet (G)** 10:30, 12, 4:30.

**United Artists Galaxy 4**  
1285 Sutter St., San Francisco 415-474-8790  
**The Alamo (PG-13)** 12:45, 3:45, 7, 10.  
**Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R)** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45.  
**Osama (PG-13)** 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:30.  
**The Passion of the Christ (R)** 1, 4, 7, 9:40.

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## Reviews

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**"THE PUNISHER"**: The latest in a wave of Marvel comic-book characters brought to the big screen. Thomas Jane stars as Frank Castle, an FBI agent who retires after helping bust some illegal arms dealers. During the sting, the son of Howard Saint (John Travolta) is killed, and he vows revenge, but his wife goes one step further and arranges the death of Castle's entire family. Frank survives, barely, and wages a bloody one-man war of revenge. — G. Dowell. (R: graphic violence, raw language, drug use and partial nudity.) 2 hour, 9 minutes. **D+**

**"ROBOT STORIES"**: Four stories by writer-director Greg Pak about humans and their machine counterparts. "My Robot Baby" is about a female executive with ambition to burn, but not much maternal instinct. Other topics: death ("The Robot Fixer"), Eros ("Machine Love") and immortality ("Clay"). Pak has clearly absorbed his share of science fiction, and he's come up with some clever enough conceits — all of which have been explored to vastly superior effect in other films. — M. Dargis. (Not rated: some discreet lovemaking.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **C-**

**"SCOOBY-DOO 2: MONSTERS UNLEASHED"**: Whereas the first "Scooby-Doo" movie found Fred, Daphne, Velma, Shaggy and Scooby investigating a brainwashing cult at a theme park, this time they must find the identity of a villain threatening to unleash all the monsters trapped in hometown Coolsville. Neither film has managed to recapture the trippy, laid-back vibe of the original cartoon. — C. Lemire. (PG: some scary action, rude humor, language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. **D**

**"SECRET WINDOW"**: Johnny Depp stars in this adaptation of a Stephen King novella as Mort Rainey, an author of thrillers with a terrible case of writer's block. Complicating matters is the sudden appearance at his isolated cabin of a stalker named John Shooter (John Turturro), who accuses Rainey of stealing one of his stories and changing its ending. All Shooter wants, he says, is to fix the ending and have the story republished under his name. However, trouble is all that Rainey gets from Shooter's sporadic, unexpected and threatening appearances. — J. Batake.

(PG-13: violence/terror, sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes **B**

**"SHAOLIN SOCCER"**: This film is light, silly and deranged — part "Enter the Dragon," part "Hoosiers" and part "Naked Gun." Stephen Chow, the film's co-writer, director and star, plays Sing — a vagrant who learned the ways of shaolin with his five brothers and inspires a down-on-his-luck former soccer star (Ng Man Tat) to coach a team using spectacular martial arts techniques. Don't look for much reality here. The villains conk the good guys with wrenches, break bottles over their heads and burn their clothes off in scenes kind of like a live-action Chinese version of "Looney Tunes." — A. Breznican. (PG-13: action violence.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. **C+**

**"SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, WINTER ... AND SPRING"**: This gorgeous film examines the cycles of life and the serenity of nature by following the relationship between an old monk and a young boy who was brought to the monastery as an infant. Each episode lasts about 25 minutes and catapults the viewer forward about 12 years. We meet the pupil as a child and leave him as a man and, watching him learn about life, love, anger and regret. — G. Whipp. (R: strong sexuality.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **B**

**"STARKY & HUTCH"**: Not so much a movie version of the 1970s buddy-cop TV show as it is "Zolander" with guns. While investigating a murder, Starky (Ben Stiller) and Hutch (Owen Wilson) begin to suspect a wealthy drug kingpin (Vince Vaughn). Really, though, the case is just an excuse for the pair to play dress-up as they go undercover. With Snoop Dogg as informant Huggy Bear. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: drug content, sexual situations, partial nudity, language and some violence.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. **C**

**"THE STATION AGENT"**: A reticent dwarf, a grieving mother and a chatty hot-dog vendor walk into a

bar. Actually, they drink beer on a porch. Sounds like the setup to a joke, but it's the premise of this small film bursting with insightful humor, unforced poignancy and beautifully drawn characters. Peter Dinklage, Patricia Clarkson and Bobby Cannavale vividly portray three lonely people in rural New Jersey who form an unlikely social circle, despite their antisocial tendencies. — C. Lemire. (R: language, some drug content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B+**

**"TAKING LIVES"**: Angelina Jolie stars as Ileana Scott, an FBI profiler invited to Montreal to help the police with a messy string of murders. If the film begins with a modicum of wit and creepy-crawly scares, it winds up somewhere else altogether: in the cliché-strewn land of preposterous red herrings, brake-screaming, stunt-doubles-go-flying car chases, and far-fetched, gun-grappling denouements. At some point, able-bodied actors and directors are going to find better things to do than rehash stylishly grim serial-killer thrillers. Ethan Hawke and Kiefer Sutherland co-star. — S. Rea. (R: violence, sexuality, language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **C**

**"TOUCHING THE VOID"**: Two climbers go up a mountain in Peru. One breaks his leg and must be lowered by his partner. When the rope leaves the injured man dangling helpless and hopeless over a crevasse, his partner makes the decision to cut the rope to save his own life. This compelling documentary, featuring interviews with the survivors and re-creations of the climb using actors, is agonizingly suspenseful, even though we know the remarkable outcome from the get-go. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 46 minutes. **B+**

**"THE TRIPLETS OF BELLEVILLE"**: The film's two lines of intelligible dialogue have been dubbed into English. Its sensibility, however, remains irreducibly French. The overture is a black-and-white spectacle: naughty, exu-

berant and a little creepy. It introduces the Triplets of the title, a trio of gangly, cloche-wearing scat singers. The story is too bizarre and wonderful to summarize, but it winds up in Belleville, a Manhattan-like dream city. — A.O. Scott. (PG-13: some violent and frightening scenes.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. **A**

**"WALKING TALL"**: This remake of the 1973 more-or-less true story stars Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson as Chris Vaughn, an ex-Army Special Forces soldier who returns to his small Washington town and finds the mill has been closed by a man named Jay Hamilton who's opened a casino instead. The place is full of rigged tables, and a front for prostitution and drug operations. Vaughn ousts the town's crooked sheriff, deputizes his best friend and wages war on Hamilton. — G. Dowell. (PG-13: language, violence, sexuality, drug use.) 1 hour, 22 minutes. **B-**

**"THE WHOLE TEN YARDS"**: The plot of this trying-too-hard comedy

sequel finds retired contract killer Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski (Bruce Willis) laying low in Mexico with his hired-killer-in-training wife (Amanda Peet). The dentist nicknamed "Oz" (Matthew Perry) is happily married to Cynthia (Natasha Henstridge)

and living in Montana. At til an aging mobster is released from prison, determined to take Jimmy, whom he's tracked following Oz and abducting him. — S. Rea. (violence, sex.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. **D**

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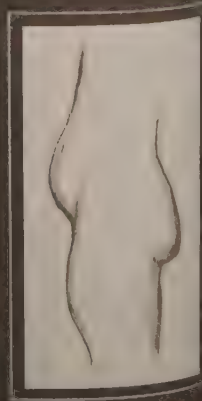
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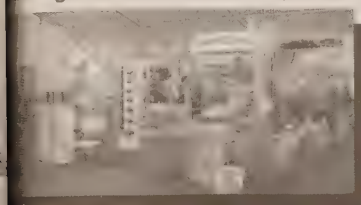
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Brief... A recent survey conducted by Impulse Research International Distribution Corp. found that boaters are healthier and happier than their non-boating counterparts, according to a January 17 release from the National Marine Manufacturers Association. The online survey was conducted with a random people sample of 1,029 men and women selected to closely match US population demographics. Boaters average nearly seven and a half hours per week in active recreation, compared to less than five and a half hours for non-boaters, according to readers' e-Letters to the study. Landlubbers have been hospitalized slightly more than boat owners (14 percent compared to 11 percent) and tend to be more overweight than their boating counterparts, the NMMA reported. In addition to physical benefits, when asked about the overall quality of their lives, boat owners rated it about 5 percent better than did nonboat owners. Boat owners expressed greater satisfaction with their accomplishments, relations with their families and their ability to enjoy life. Nonboat owners are more prone to feeling useless, lonely, unhappy or excessively fatigued, according to the study. The study's findings include the following:  
More boat owners said their health is excellent or good (83 percent) than did nonboat owners (77 percent)  
87 percent of boat owners said having a boat has contributed to their well-being. Boat owners experience greater self-esteem, ability to enjoy life (+9 percent) and a better sex life (+7 percent). Nonboat owners are more prone to feeling useless (+8 percent), lonely (+7 percent), unhappy (+5 percent) and fatigued (+4 percent) Nearly two-thirds of boat owners said owning a boat has brought their family closer. Most boat owners said the benefits of owning a boat include being outdoors (89 percent), spending time on the water (85 percent), being able to unwind and leave pressures behind (79 percent) and finding tranquility (71 percent).



# Events

## STAGE

### ACTORS ENSEMBLE OF BERKELEY

"The Sisters Rosensweig" by Wendy Wasserstein, through May 15. A clever comedy about an "unsisterly" reunion.

\$10. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; May 13, 8 p.m. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-5999 or [www.aetberkeley.org](http://www.aetberkeley.org)

### AURORA THEATRE COMPANY

"Antigone Falun Gong" by Cherylene Lee, through May 16. An adaptation of Sophocles' great tragedy re-set in contemporary China. One woman defies a government in a provocative way.

\$34 to \$40. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822 or [www.auroratheatre.com](http://www.auroratheatre.com)

### BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL

OPENING — "Man in the Musical" by Phil Gorman and Lila Tschappal, April 30 through May 8. The world premiere of an original musical theater work about a twenty-something actor experiencing the crisis of doubt about what the future will bring.

\$10 general; \$5 students. Florence Schwimley Little Theater, 2223 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley. 510-332-1931.

### BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE

#### THRUST STAGE

"The Mystery of Irma Vep" by Charles Ludlum, through May 23. A comic send-up of a Victorian melodrama and classic horror films featuring a werewolf, vampire and mummy, with takes from gothic novels. There are political jabs and campy slapstick comedy.

\$43 to \$55. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; April 29 and May 13, 8 p.m.; April 24, May 6, May 15 and May 20, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-847-2949, (888) 4BRTIX or [www.berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org)

### CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE

"How the Other Half Loves" by Alan Ayckbourn, through May 22. A comic look into the lives of three couples whose husbands work at the same firm. When an affair keeps two lovers out late, they tell their spouses of a domestic dispute at the third couple's home that kept them.

\$15. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132.

### LA VAL'S SUBTERRANEAN THEATRE

OPENING — "Money and Run" by Wayne Rawley, April 29 through June 5. A hilarious send-up of action/adventure TV shows.

\$15 general; \$10 students and seniors. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 510-464-4468 or [www.impacttheatre.com](http://www.impacttheatre.com)

### OAKLAND BOX THEATER

"The Oakland Poetry Slam," first and third Thursdays, 8 p.m. to midnight. An open-mic poetry and music event followed by a performance by touring poets of national acclaim. The night ends with a poetry slam in which poets compete to get to the finals for a place on the 2004 Oakland Slam Team.

\$10. 1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-451-1932 or [www.oaklandbox.com](http://www.oaklandbox.com)

### PARAMOUNT THEATRE

"Why Did I Get Married?" by Tyler Perry, April 29 through May 2. A young woman allows her cheating husband to destroy her self-esteem.

\$35.50 to \$42.50. April 29 and April 30, 8 p.m.; May 1, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; May 2, 3 p.m. and 7-30 p.m. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. 510-465-6400 or [www.paramounttheatre.com](http://www.paramounttheatre.com)

### PEN OAKLAND, THE BEFORE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION AND THE OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

"The Domestic Crusaders" by Wajahat Ali, April 30 through May 2. A staged reading of a two-act play looking at the everyday lives of a Muslim Pakistani family dealing with the impact of September 11th on their family and community.

April 30, 7 p.m.: At Mehran Restaurant, 5774 Mowry School Road, Newark. Buffet dinner at 8:15 p.m. is included with the performance. \$10

May 1 and May 2, 2 p.m.: In West Auditorium, Oakland Main Library, 125 14th St., Oakland. Free

510-396-6879 or [www.domesticcrusaders.com](http://www.domesticcrusaders.com)

### PIEDMONT'S VETERAN'S HALL

"Scenes of Unseen Prejudice," April 29, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. An interactive theater experience presented by the Piedmont Appreciating Diversity Committee.

Free. 401 Highland Ave., Piedmont. 510-663-9649

### SHOTGUN PLAYERS

CLOSING — "The Miser" by Moliere, closing May 2. The timeless farce filled with lovers, vows, mistaken identity and a man so greedy not even the audience will feel safe from his clutches.

Pay what you can. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-704-8210 or [www.shotgunplayers.org](http://www.shotgunplayers.org)

### THEATREFIRST

CLOSING — "Moo! Street Moves" by Paul Slabolepsky, closing May 2. Two members of the Johannesburg underground, from different sides of the racial divide in South Africa in 1993, find that survival makes for strange bedfellows.

\$18 to \$22 general; \$15 to \$19 seniors, students; \$9 to \$11 under age 25. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 510-436-5085 or [www.theatrefirst.com](http://www.theatrefirst.com)

### UC BERKELEY DEPARTMENT OF THEATER, DANCE AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES

"I Ain't Yo' Uncle: The New Jack Revisionist Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Robert Alexander, April 29 through May 1. Harriet Beecher Stowe is placed on trial for creating stereotypical images of blacks in American pop-culture. A Student Workshop production.

Free. Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Durham Studio Theater, UC Berkeley campus, College Avenue and Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (866) 468-3399 or [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com)

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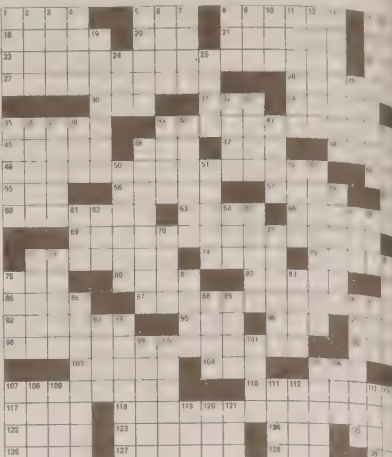
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### ASHKENAZ

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Andrew Carriere and The Cajun Classics, April 28, 8:30 p.m. \$9.

The Vowel Movement, April 30, 8:30 p.m. A beatbox showcase. \$10 to \$12. Thomas Mapfumo and The Blacks Unlimited, May 1, 9:30 p.m. \$18.

1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-525-5055 or [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com)

### BECKETT'S IRISH PUB

Seventy, April 23.

Rock 'n' Roll with Nicole, April 24.

Nicole and the Sisters in Soul, April 28.

San Francisco Medicine Ball, April 29.

The Katie Jay Band, April 30.

Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790 or [www.beckettsirishpub.com](http://www.beckettsirishpub.com)

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Audrey Sessions, The Cushion Theory, Cova, April 23. \$6.

The KGB, Ashkon and the Sex, Truck-asaurus Sex, April 24. \$7.

It's a Whale, Pocket, Stereostar FM, April 28. \$5.

Slight, Thriving Ivory, Stereo Grande, April 30. \$7.

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### DOWNTOWN

Julie Kelly with the Vince Lateano Trio, April 23.

Wayne Wallace, April 24.

Mimi Fox Solo Guitar, April 27.

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Keni El Lebrijano Flamenco Guitar, April 29

Marcos Silva, May 1

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Dave Ellis, April 24, 8 p.m. \$10

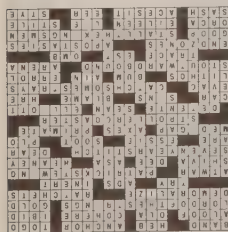
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Brown Fellinis, May 1, 8 p.m. \$12

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Zion I and Crown City Rockers, April 24, 9:30 p.m. \$10.

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The Phenomenauts, The Flash Express, Three Merry Widows, April 23. \$8

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## HEALING MUSES —

"Fantasy, Humor and Elegance — A Bouquet of Musical Delights from the Baroque Courts," April 24, 8 p.m.

\$15 to \$18. St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 510-524-5661 or www.healingmuses.org

## IVES STRING QUARTET —

"Latin Flair," April 30, 8 p.m. Featuring music by Joaquin Turina, Luigi Boccherini, Thomas Oboe Lee and Aaron Jay Kernis.

\$20 general; \$10 students. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. (415) 893-0727.

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## MILLS COLLEGE CONCERT SERIES —

"Alvin Curran May Day Concert," May 1, 8 p.m. Composer Alvin Curran presents a program of his work, featuring the Mills Contemporary Performance Ensemble.

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## MUSIC SOURCES —

Richard Fuller, fortepiano, and Maria Bader-Kubizek, violin, April 25, 5 p.m. Performing music by Mozart and Pleyel.

"The Orpheus of Amsterdam: Music of Sweelinck and His Disciples, circa 1600," May 2, 5 p.m. Gilbert Martinez performs virtuoso music by Sweelinck, Peter Phillips and John Bull on harpsichord, Muselaar and "Mother and Child" virginals.

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Shostakovich and Mendelssohn, featuring piano soloist Gilles Vonsattel.

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## OAKLAND EAST BAY SYMPHONY —

Michael Morgan Conducting, April 23, 8 p.m. Featuring music by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Brahms. \$15 to \$58.

"Family Day and the Symphony," April 25, 3 p.m. Featuring music by Haydn and Mendelssohn. At Richmond Memorial Auditorium, 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Free

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"A Great, Wild Garden of Voices," April 23, 8 p.m. A program of vocal works by Kirke Mechem, Alexander Post and Mark Winges.

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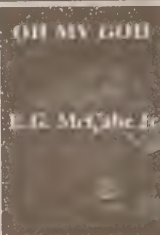
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STAFF WRITER

Who has battled a with too much weight the goddess of Bruce and Keala Settle, the two of the "Hairspray" pro-

opening in previews in San Francisco. a better known as a and star of "Hollywood she shaved his face to play the role of Edna mother of Tracy Turn-

Settle. He also a big meal after each to maintain the size for the role. Vilanch and Settle glee- that they must don for the show.

emblads are large gals musical based on the John Waters, and both and that, for the run of anyway, fat is where it's theatrical spotlight.

ard sort of way, I'm be- for my weight and ed for being me," says look over the Tracy role "Hairspray" pro- Arizona in mid-April. with picket signs about ing, but it's very differ- the society we live in usu-

to be told, after her first auditions, Settle, then 100 pounds, was told to 100 pounds if she wanted ed for the role. That an initial "cattle call" au- Los Angeles, where Set- lected for the series of

She went to seven or before being flown to where the producers they saw, but mentioned ed to lose weight. or the part, but for my and well-being. They ed about my stamina, the show is about two 45 minutes long, and nstage about 2½ hours he says. "I'm Polynesian,

and we ain't skinny. But when they told me to lose weight, even though they didn't promise anything else but another callback, I was ready to do it. I was chasing a lifetime dream."

When they checked in on her about four months later, Settle had dropped 40 pounds and was summoned back to New York City, where she won the role of standby to the road-show Tracy character. Then the road-show Tracy was called to Broadway, and Settle donned the fat suit and bouffant hair as the star of the show.

It's a suit that delights Vilanch, who says that once he had it on, he was astounded by how much he looked like his Aunt Pauline.

"Or maybe Aunt Blanche Vilanch," he says. "You know my family was totally nonplused when they saw me the first time, with how much I looked like those ladies from the early '60s, the era where women wore gloves and dresses to go grocery shopping."

Vilanch is the '60s Baltimore housewife who presides over her family in changing times. Daughter Tracy dreams of being a dancer on "The Corny Collins Show," a local TV dance party. But before her efforts are close to reaching full tilt, she's in the midst of a movement to racially integrate the show (and, for her own part, to win the affections of the show's heartthrob, Link Larkin).

The show is filled with early '60s-style music and dialogue (pop-history experts coached the younger members of the cast on the subtleties of some of the lines and lyrics, Settle says). But what has made the show a hit, in addition to the infectious music that ranges from do-wop to the Beatles, is the pure energy of the show.

During the first week of rehearsals, Settle says she lost 10 pounds, and Vilanch may occasionally drink a post-show milkshake to maintain his figure. It's the first time, he recalls, being urged to eat.

"A real red-letter day," he says.

For Vilanch, a starring role in a Broadway musical is a huge midlife career switch. Although he performs occasionally, he is



"YOU KNOW my family was totally nonplused when they saw me the first time, with how much I looked like those ladies from the early '60s, the era where women wore gloves and dresses to go grocery shopping," says Bruce Vilanch of dressing as a woman for his role in "Hairspray."

## PREVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Hairspray," by Marc Shaiman, Scott Wittman, Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan

■ **WHERE:** Golden Gate Theatre, Taylor and Market streets, S.F.

■ **WHEN:** Previews Wednesday through May 4, main run is Tuesdays-Sundays, May 5-July 3

■ **HOW MUCH:** Previews, \$36.50-\$78.50; regular, \$39-\$81

■ **CONTACT:** 415-512-7770 or www.ticketmaster.com



Keala Settle

best known for his work as a comedy writer. When he has traveled with shows before (aside from a one-man piece he wrote after his "Squares" success), it has been as a backstage writer for customers such as Bette Midler.

Now, though, he's the one wearing pantyhose in the spot-

light — a feat, he claims, that takes a cherry-picker crane to accomplish.

Actually, his road-show debut came at no small sacrifice. He had to remove the beard that has been a part of him for most of his adult life. He shaved it off during an appearance on the Regis and Kelly show, be-

cause he didn't want to be alone and possibly depressed when he denuded the lower half of his face.

"I always thought there was a thin-faced person underneath the beard, so I was surprised when I saw all those jowls," Vilanch says. "It looked like one of Alfred Hitchcock's lost relatives. Those jowls, I've got them in spades. But people have said I look much younger. And now, I've made shaving part of the whole ritual of putting the Edna costume on."

The process of going from Bruce to Edna takes something over an hour and involves not only a fat suit, wig and dress, but a pair of high-heeled shoes and a completely different body.

"It's a matter of finding my center of gravity when I get all that weight on me," he says. "With the wig and heels, I feel kind of like Godzilla. But I didn't get into the full costume un-

til technical rehearsals. Before that, I was walking around in heels and a rehearsal skirt, having a great time. Then I put everything on and it hit me like a land mine. It was a totally strange feeling tottering around the stage as a woman."

Aside from sharing a family name onstage, Vilanch and Settle have another thing in common — this is their first big road show, and both of them are enjoying it.

"I'm loving it," says Vilanch. "I get to see America, and this cast is a particularly wonderful, young and energetic group. And the play is a lot of fun, not like slogging through a Greek tragedy every night and having to get up onstage and kill your children."

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## Uke can't touch this

LIKELY NEVER HEARD anything quite like New York's Songs From a Random House, a neo-funk that derives its sound from not one but two ukulele players, a viola and upright bass. The group has an accessible blend of everything from pop and swing to Americana, but the sound is entirely its own. The band is part of the "Rock That Uke" tour landing in Berkeley on Saturday, April 24, from a Random House and others perform 9 p.m. Saturday at the Starry Plough, 3101 Ave., Berkeley. Admission is \$6. Contact 510-841-2082 or www.starryploughpub.com.

## MUSEUMS

**AMERICAN MUSEUM AND GALLERY** — "AMLO Presents: New Directions in Art," closing May 1. An exhibition by artists Milton Bowers and the Museum including multimedia and oil paintings.

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**Open House through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.** 559 14th St., Oakland. 510-430-2164 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

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**EVENT** —

**From the Modern in Alameda County: From the Bungalow to the Modernist House** April 23, 7 p.m. A lecture by

through Friday, 1:30 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

p.m. 2324 Alameda Ave., Alameda. 510-521-1233 or www.alamedamuseum.org

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**Free.** Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 510-549-6950 or www.magnes.org

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**Reception, May 2, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Free.** Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-430-2164 or www.mills.edu/MCAM

**MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE VILLAGE** — A science museum with an African-American focus promoting science education and awareness for the underrep-

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**\$6 general; \$4 children ages 6 to 18.** Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 630 20th St., Oakland. 510-893-6426 or www.ncaifblackengineers.org

**THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA** —

"Therese Thau Heyman: A Curator's Legacy," through Jan. 2, 2005. Therese Heyman, former senior curator of the Oakland Museum of California, passed away in January, leaving a 30-year legacy of groundbreaking collections and exhibitions of California photographers and printmakers. This exhibition presents a sampling of her collections, including photographs by Dorothea Lange, Ansel Adams and Imogen Cunningham, and works on paper by Richard Diebenkorn and Elmer Bischoff.

**\$8 general; \$5 seniors and students; free children ages 5 and under; free to all on the second Sunday of the month.** Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. 510-238-2200 or www.museumca.org

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# Arts & Leisure

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**BILL MANN**  
Multimedia Notes

## A few quick ones

**H**ERE'S A TERM you might be hearing more and more: Jim Garrison, author of a new book, "America as Empire: Global Leader or Rogue Power?" was Michael Krasny's "Forum" guest the other day on KQED-FM.

Garrison told Krasny that the Washington, D.C. conservative think tank American Enterprise Institute has coined an upbeat new phrase for the Bush Mideast policy. Which probably means the AEI's ubiquitous quote machine, Norm Ornstein, will be using it often in his sound bites that are all over television newscasts these days.

The term: "democratic imperialism." Spelled with a small D, natch ...

And, on another "Forum," former HEW Secretary Joseph Califano offered up this memorable quote in explaining why the feds should have an ongoing role in assisting those in need: "Because free-market capitalism has very sharp elbows."

Here's my working description of the Iraq I see on TV today: "Hornet's nest" ... I love the nickname New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd, one of Donald Rumsfeld's most persistent and effective — and funniest — critics, has for the way-too-cocky Defense Secretary: "MacNarummy."

By the way, when watching nightly footage of anti-American demonstrations/fighting in Iraq, does this same question occur to you: Where are all the Iraqi women? Are they locked up? Hiding? ...

Meanwhile, over in San Fran, here's increasingly bitter, right-wing KSFO morning personality Lee Rogers' take on what we should have done in Fallujah: "Level the whole damned city to the ground. Get rid of all those sand monkeys." Thanks for that well-reasoned insight, Lee. I remember when Rogers used to consider himself a moderate when he worked at KGO. It's a shame to see Rogers' talent squandered on bile and doggerel ...

Another top talent at KSFO: Weekend talk host and former KTVU anchor Barbara Simpson. The pleasant Orinda resident, while a conservative, apparently isn't "controversial" enough (i.e., shrill and obnoxious) to get a weekday shift. She's been trying for years ...

If you want a shocker, check out "The Babe in the Bunker's" (Simpson's) web page at: <http://www.ksfo560.com/showid.asp?DJID=2364> You probably won't recognize the one-time Channel 2 anchor's photo with the Marilyn Monroe-like platinum 'do ...

One ubiquitous annoyance down, one to go: Now that Donald Trump has said "You're hired," we're still stuck with the dismal "American Idol" for a few more weeks — and also KTVU's upcoming clone, "Gimme the Mike."

On the positive side, if you haven't seen it yet, by all means, check out Bravo's new series, "Solstrum," Sunday nights at 7. These enchanting, all-new films by Cirque du Soleil are some of the most imaginative and artistic performances seen on TV in years. KSFO alert: These films are very French, tres Quebecois ...

Readers have asked why movie critic Roger Ebert looks so different on his Sunday-night KGO-TV syndicated show of late. It's because he's recovering from surgery for thyroid cancer.

Former Live-105/"Quake" morning man and local comedy promoter Alex Bennett e-mails to say he's signed on to Sirius Satellite Radio to do a talk show from its new studios in New York, where's Bennett's just moved. He'll soon be on its liberal talk channel, Sirius Left (Channel 143), weekdays live from 6 to 9 a.m. Pacific time ...

If the nascent Air America — it may have (finally) gone on the air on Berkeley's 1400 AM by the time you get this — goes bust, Left Channel may be your only lib choice on radio ...

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## Youths take history into present

■ Children pay tribute to their ancestors with personal items at Oakland Museum's show, 'Kids Collect: Honoring Elders'

By Suzanne LaFetra  
CORRESPONDENT

A delicately embroidered blouse from manta cotton. An old vinyl record from Mexico. A worn photo of a man in an Air Force uniform, circa 1940. A coconut cup. A small, gold wedding band. A painting of an African American woman on black velvet. These are the scattered bits of history gathered together in Oakland Museum's exhibition, "Kids Collect: Honoring Elders."

"This is personalizing history," says Beth Maloney, the History Programs coordinator at the museum and co-curator of the exhibit. Kids Collect connects school-age children with our shared cultural history through family heirlooms, old photos, remnants from their past. "Once you realize that your own objects are an important thing, and that they're part of a broader context, then you have a personal investment in making sure that the stories get told," says Maloney.

Children from Oakland's public schools have collaborated with the museum to create the exhibit, which opens April 25. Students from Henry J. Kaiser Elementary, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program at Bret Harte Middle School, Met West High School, and Ascend School have worked with co-curator Julia Brashares to put together Kids Collect.

Brashares visited classrooms and helped kids think about what would be a meaningful artifact. She brought in a piece of her own history, an old curling iron that belonged to her grandmother, after whom she is named.

"It's a good example, because the kids start asking, 'Where's the plug?' so you start talking about heating on a stove, no electricity, live back then," says Brashares.

That got the kids thinking about their own artifacts. Brashares then worked with the students to compose the labels, fill out the museum loan forms, and design the layout of the exhibit. The older students install the exhibition; they use power tools, paint the backgrounds, mount photos.

Not only do the students learn about museums and curating, they begin to understand that history is not just something in the dusty past. For many of them, it's their first time in a museum. Says Brashares, "We're teaching them what we do here at the museum, and that their experiences are part of this broader, braided narrative of California history."

This is the 10th year the museum has partnered with children in the community. This year, students were asked to reflect on the elders in their environment who have made a difference in their lives, or been a mentor to them. They selected an object with meaning for them associated with that person.

For many of the Oakland children, their contribution represents an ancestor from their homeland.

Lai Saepahn chose a photo of her grandmother in her wedding dress. The picture is captioned: "My people come from Thailand. This dress that my mother has on is called the Lu-mien, which is a bridal outfit that my mother has on. My grandmother gave this outfit to my mother. This outfit is the only thing that my mother has to remember my grandmother by. Although I never met my grandmother, I hope one day my mother will pass this dress down to me."

The kindergartners at Kaiser Elementary put together family albums. One book has a tiny pink sock attached to the page, and is captioned, "My grandma had little feet, just like me."

Other children have selected objects that also give us a slice of history. Diana Del Rio selected her father's bracero contract, a 60-year-old piece of paper documenting his role as a field worker from Mexico. Devon Timms displays an old Coke bottle, with the caption that his grandpa used to buy these for a nickel. "He tells me about the hot summers when he was a small boy. We are both storytellers."

One student's label asks of the viewer: If you were to bring in



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**FRANCISCO C. CUEVAS, ASCEND School.** "We pray to the Virgen de Guadalupe at home and in church when we need help. She is special to me because she saved my mom's and my little sister's lives. My mom was pregnant with my little sister. All of a sudden my mom had an asthma attack, so she went to the hospital. A few days passed, and my mother was still sick. Then one day the doctors told mom she should abort. My mom said, 'No! Never!' and so did I. I was so sad one day that I went to church and prayed to La Virgen de Guadalupe. The next day I went to the hospital. I saw my mom and she looked much better. Thank you, Virgen de Guadalupe. I love you!"

### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** "Kids Collect: Honoring Elders" exhibition

**WHERE:** Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak St.

**WHEN:** Through June 6. Opening celebration Sunday, April 25, 1:30-3 p.m.

**HOW MUCH:** Admission \$8 adults, \$5 seniors and students, children under 6 free

**INFORMATION:** [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org) or 510-238-2200

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one object to honor an elder, what would it be?

When we contemplate for a moment the stresses that children must cope with in their daily lives, it is refreshing to see a collection of creative history.

"The kids are more self-realized than we were," says Brashares, "and what they're dealing with in their lives is intense. But they keep plugging away, and art creates an outlet to celebrate their lives."

Seeing their own objects in a museum setting is a powerful reminder of each child's importance. Says Brashares, "You really see the pride come out when they show friends and family the exhibit, and say, 'This is my piece, this is my story.'"

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**LUCY FONG, Bret Harte Middle School.** Grandmother's Fan. "Popo, my grandma, teaches me about Chinese culture. She teaches me to cook. She helps me sew beautiful things. She is always kind. I want to honor Popo."



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**LAURA CISNEROS, Met West High School.** Photo from Mexico. "This picture is of my mother with her brothers and sisters. I am honoring my grandmother because, for her, the most important people were her kids. My grandmother taught me a lot and showed me a lot of life lessons. She said that nothing could buy happiness."



**JACK TUCKER**  
Columnist

## Shotgun to Transparency

**S**HOTGUN PLAYERS celebrating the status of residents at the Julia Morgan Theater — as we speak, so — inkling a deal that will bring a 13-year-old Berkeley theater to the former Transparent for the next 30 years.

The Transparent, 2001 by Tom Clyde and Lally (now married), is a production of theatrical production last season. The company church at 1901 Ashby (corner of Martin Luther Jr. Way), will be ready to open there in September.

Although Shotgun signed lease with the Morgan is for five years, board of the venerable Avenue venue (also a church), is canceling the lease after the next season.

"Quills" will play July 3 after "The Merchant of Venice" closes May 2.

Shotgun's annual John Hinkle, Park this be "Caucasian Chalk Circle" playing weekends from through Aug. 29.

The first play in the season will be "Dog and Cat" 23 through Oct. 10, playing in San Francisco House.

The final production, unexpectedly topsy-turvy happy — season will be Stoppard's "Travesties" in December and January, dates undecided.

For those unfamiliar with the Transparent Theater, it's a stadium seating, pewlike benches for a people (Shotgun's figure a cathedral ceiling high, arching beams, sight lines).

The thrust stage is a mere 24 feet across, deep, promising plenty for action. Shotgun's artistic director, Peter Dooley, says the company future design changes.

One change — or is — is the current production this year, of "The Other Half Loves," a play with a pass-the-baton at the end of each act. Dooley says it's worth so far. But the new American are can accommodate than half as many people as Julia Morgan. Look for shots in its very own.

**FUN TIMES THROUGH** the Other Half Loves, ckbourn's classic fan weekends through the Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona St., El Cerrito, 94601. Tickets \$10. Labeled "warp-speed" week's preview. Now an older definition of twisted and bent out of shape — in this case, time, relationships.

Still fast-paced and funny after a long run, play centers on three couples — Fiona (Putnam) and Frank (tega) and Teresa (Waham) and Bob (John Waite) — have marriage problems, namely, Bob Fiona are carrying on their respective partners' backs.

William (David Mary) (Heidi Hooker) two — are dragging affair to cover for the strays. "It's-his. Safe to say, Hold on. This is a bourn, remember."

William and Mary vited to dinner at both couples' homes on one nights. But this play, scorns humdrum. He calls for serving the multaneously. Things hilarious when the switches between chaotic conversations, ferent hosts.

Matt Flynn's messy, disparate living-din into one set helps pull off these complex shenanigans, directed by Michael Haven.

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Section D

## prepare teen driver emergency

JOSEPH GIDJUNIS  
SAN FRANCISCO NEWS SERVICE

is startling: One out of every 10 drivers between 16 and 17 get into a car accident

from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is more than twice the national average for all drivers, which is 17 percent.

With friends in the car instead of alone, a driver's chances of surviving a crash, statistics show, are much better. But teens have never had any formal training on what the real limits of a car are, and they are woefully unprepared for a serious emergency. Rick Colson, a professional driver and safety expert, offers his advice for parents and their parents.

About expectations, their parents should know what to do in an emergency. What do they need to be prepared? A cell phone. Even if you have a service, most areas will not allow phone calls to be made while driving.

When asked, "What's your favorite car?" I reply: "Depends what mood I'm in."

This week, I was in a Malibu Maxx mood and loved every minute of it.

This car isn't anything like the Chevrolet Malibu of old. The 2004 model offers more interior space for both front- and back-seat passengers, a very comfortable ride and produces more power than I could ever use.

My only problem was trying to classify it. I'm not sure if it's a sedan or a station wagon.



**NEW MALIBU MAXX** isn't your father's Chevy Malibu. This hatch-back car offers more interior space for both front and rear passengers, a very comfortable ride and produces more power than most drivers can use.

## Malibu Maxx mystic: Magically mesmerizing moods

MOTOR MATTERS

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or a station wagon.

The design of the rear is different from a sedan as it allows easy access to the storage area by raising a hatch.

The backs of the 60/40 rear seats can fold down to increase the cargo capacity, yet when carrying rear-seat passengers, there is a skylight over their heads with a retractable shade.

They even have their own heating and air conditioning vents.

Rear passengers also have a DVD entertainment system with a 7-inch flip-up LCD screen, plus two

**TOM KEANE**  
Keane on Wheels

sets of infrared headphones, video game jacks with remote control and independent audio system. In an environment like this, parents will never hear the question, "Are we there yet?"

As for front-seat passengers, the simplicity of the dash panel made it easy for me to get acquainted with the operation of all the controls and

their functions.

Although I was able to quickly preset my favorite AM and FM stations, when I discovered XM Satellite radio was included, I listened to my favorite channel while on a four-state trip.

This Malibu LT Maxx also had OnStar, a system that offered more flexibility than cars equipped with just a navigational system.

I made use of this one-button system when I needed guidance to connect to another highway and was quickly given precise directions without having to take my eyes off

the road.

For those who are inquisitive about how far they have left to travel with the gasoline still in the tank, or oil temperature or whatever, the data is readily available on the LCD screen with the touch of various other buttons on the central dash panel area.

Most of my interest, however, was confined to keeping an eye on the speedometer as this beauty can fly. Powered by a 3.5-liter V6 engine, and linked to a four-speed

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# German-built Amphicar become collector's fancy

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"The car of the future is here today," boast 40-year-old ads for Amphicar. "The car that swims."

The only civilian amphibious passenger automobile ever to be mass produced was built in Germany from 1961 to 1968. Of the 3,878 vehicles manufactured, 3,046 were shipped to the United States.

When new, the unique cars sold for between \$2,800 and \$3,300.

One of the dealerships was located near the Potomac River in Old Town Alexandria, Va. Just down the street in those days, young Brendan O'Leary was busy growing up. "I remember all the colorful cars lined up outside," he says.

All Amphicars are convertibles and they originally were offered in four colors: Beach white, Regatta red, Lagoon blue and Fjord green. He wasn't even a teen-ager when U.S. government regulations went into effect with the 1968 model year vehicles and effectively put the Amphicar company out of business. Almost 80 percent of its sales had been in the United States.

But the government regulators in the Department of Transportation were too late. O'Leary had already been exposed to the Amphicar virus even though he was still six years away from having a driver's license.

During the next few decades O'Leary was to learn that the Amphicar virus can only be controlled, not cured.

From the mid-1980s, when he bought his first Amphicar in Maryland, he never considered it his primary mode of transportation. That car was soon sold and another Amphicar in New York caught his eye. He kept that one a few years and sold it in 1990.

His third Amphicar was also located in New York. "It was a rust bucket," O'Leary says. He had it trucked to a restoration shop in New Jersey.

After receiving an estimate on the cost of restoration, he quickly sold the vehicle

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to someone with deeper pockets.

An Amphicar from Pennsylvania became O'Leary's fourth one in 1998. Unfortunately, a real estate deal came along a year later and, as he says, "The house won."

Late in 2003, O'Leary learned of a Regatta red 1966 Amphicar in California being offered by the second owner. "I bought it sight unseen," O'Leary says. "I really lucked out."

When the 14-foot, 2-inch-long Amphicar arrived at O'Leary's Alexandria doorstep, it was accompanied by a spare transmission, spare wheels and assorted other goodies.

Like every Amphicar, this one weighs 2,288 pounds and has a rear-mounted 70-cubic-inch, British-built Triumph Herald four-cylinder engine that develops 43 horsepower. Both the width and height of the Amphicar are within a hair of 5 feet.

The ride on land is rather choppy because of the 82.6-inch wheelbase. "It's a heavy car with a small motor," O'Leary says.

The speedometer is set to record speeds up to 90 mph even though factory literature lists a top speed of 75 mph on land. That top speed drops to 10 to 12 mph in the water. The front wheels steer the car on land or sea.

A few of the more noticeable features that set the Amphicar apart are the Coast Guard-required registration numbers on the front fenders. If the horn protruding from the deck lid in front of the windshield isn't enough of a nautical clue, then the chrome hood ornament with a split red/green running light should be.

"Amazingly," O'Leary says, "parts are readily available." All the control knobs are labeled much like any other 1960s-era car except for two, one labeled "navigation



THIS AMPHICAR became the fifth owner who bought it sight unseen from a Californian. The car can drive on both land and sea.

lights" and the other "bilge pump."

A special two-part land/water transmission allows the rear wheels and two nylon propellers to be operated independently or simultaneously. Both props turn clockwise to go forward and counterclockwise to reverse.

O'Leary's outstanding Amphicar has just recently reached 16,000 miles on the odometer. With a 13-gallon gasoline tank, the factory figures the vehicles can achieve 32 miles per gallon on land and 1.5 gallons of fuel per hour on water.

Citing performance on land and sea, O'Leary says, "It doesn't do either well, but it does both." For him, the future that was promised 40 years ago has arrived.

For your car to become the subject of the Classic Classics column, send a photo (frontal 3/4 view) plus brief details and phone number to: Vern Parker, 2221 Abbottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22181. Only photos of good quality will be considered.

## Several reasons possible for brake noise; dealer should rectify situation

BY BRAD BERGHOLDT  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

**Q** My dealer insisted that they needed to do a brake inspection on my 2002 Saturn even though I had no complaints. Immediately after that inspection, my car brakes began to squeal and screech every time it was the least bit damp or rainy out.

I took the car back and they said "maybe" some dust got in the brakes during the inspection but then came back and said everything looks fine. Is there anything else I can do or suggest to end this horrible noise?

It's not only frustrating because it never did it before the brake inspection, but also it's embarrassing when people all turn around to see where the horrible noise is coming from.

RuthAnn Friessner, Mason, Mich.

**A** This is an interesting situation. In most cases a brake inspection involves re-

moving the wheels and performing a visual inspection (only) of the brakes.

In the case of front- or rear-disc brakes this includes inspecting the brake rotor for scoring and/or heat discoloration, the disc pads for proper thickness and the caliper and brake hose for signs of fluid leakage.

In a best-case scenario, inspection might be possible by simply looking through an alloy wheel's spokes (sans removal) with an inspection mirror and flashlight. In a few (worst) cases, the brake caliper design obscures viewing the inner brake pad, requiring partial disassembly.

To inspect rear drum brakes the brake drum must be removed. This is normally a simple process although one in 10 might be devilishly stubborn to remove due to rusting-binding of the center hub bore or brake shoe-drum interference.

The drum typically contains about a teaspoon of lining dust, which should be safely discarded.

If a technician were to hastily reinstall the drum without discarding the now-disturbed dust, it might be drawn into the shoe surface and contribute to braking noise.

The inspection includes checking drum condition, lining thickness, hardware integrity and fluid seepage from the wheel cylinder and axle seals.

Brake squeal is usually caused by

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## Teen

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ment once a month.

■ An emergency roadside kit with a basic tool set including reflectors, flares, blankets and a compressor or tire-inflator-in-a-can. The compressor or tire-inflator can provide enough pressure to get you to a garage.

■ An emergency tip sheet with procedures and phone numbers. The sheet may instill confidence and calm in a time of fear and confusion. Make sure your teen understands the sheet — don't just leave it in the glove compartment to collect dust.

■ A well-hidden credit card or money. The money can be used for food, gas, lodging or an emergency repair, or any situation you can't foresee.

And don't forget basic safety items like jumper cables, duct tape and a securely mounted fire extinguisher.

Each state and climate requires different documents and tools. In warmer climates, it is good to carry bottled water; in colder weather, ice scrapers and shovels are a good idea. Go to your state motor vehicle Web site to obtain additional lists of necessities.

Emergency kits and other tools can be purchased at local hardware stores, or contact Colson at info@safecarsforteens.com.

Also make sure to discuss drunk driving with your teen. Because underage drinking is a factor in many auto accidents, Colson tells his 16-year-old daughter: "Anytime, if you are unable to drive for whatever reason, just call me or take a cab. You won't get grounded and you won't be punished."

If you're worried about underage drinking, a battery-operated, Breathalyzer-type indicator can be a life-saving tool. Colson adds that parents must make clear the device does not give your teen permission to drink and drive, but it could save their life.

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**Q** I am having a problem with my 1990 Buick Park Avenue that no one can correct. During summer and rainy weather it will sometimes not start. It takes several minutes to get it to turn over. Once it starts I can stop and start it throughout the day with no problems.

I have had this problem now for the past two years. During this time we have replaced many parts with no improvement.

Our repairman put the car on the computer and ran a diagnostic for us. All the readings were on target. He is just as puzzled.

And, of course, once I get it started

and bring it to the gas station, he can turn it on and off all day and it will turn right over. Do you have any thoughts on what this might be?

**A. Watert, New Haven, Conn.**

**A** A good way to get to the bottom of a frustrating problem like this is to team up with your repair shop by acquiring some test data during an "uncooperative event."

We want to see if the Buick loses ignition, fuel pressure and/or fuel-injector drive commands.

Let's start by checking for "spark," using an ignition system tester (a \$10 tool resembling a spark plug with a very wide gap).

To do so, (with the engine off) gently remove one of the spark plug wires from a spark plug and connect it to the tester. Connect the tester's alligator clip to a metal engine part, step back from the engine area, and ask

a helper to crank the engine.

If a healthy blue spark snaps across the tool's electrodes, you've got enough spark for two cars. If not, we've acquired our first piece of test data.

The next test is to verify "injector drive" by listening for clicking from the fuel injectors while the engine is cranking. (Be sure to tie back long hair and loose clothing when working near a cranking/running engine and touch only the components mentioned.)

The injectors might be difficult to hear, so use a closed umbrella as a stethoscope (the tip resting against a fuel injector, your ear held to the plastic handle). Your fuel injectors are concealed beneath a plastic trim panel atop the engine so seek assistance from a knowledgeable friend as necessary to find them. Clicking is good, quiet is not.

Our final check is fuel pump operation. Listen for a humming noise at the fuel tank filler (cap removed) while a helper cycles the ignition switch off, then on (run position), then off, in a five-second sequence. Humming is good, quiet isn't.

The information you've acquired will not pin down the exact cause of the fault, but is a great start.

My first hunch is a weak/failing fuel pump, although a couple of dozen other possibilities do exist.

Brad Bergholdt teaches automotive technology at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, Calif. E-mail him at under-the-hood@juno.com.

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was ideal for me.

Another feature that enhanced my driving pleasure is sometimes GM calls the Epsilon architecture.

The Detroit manufacturer has taken advantage of its connection to Saab and Opel to construct a suspension that produces a quieter and much better ride compared to the previous Malibu sedan.

I'm told that there are foam-rubber barriers covering the dash panel and numerous noise-dampening materials throughout the car.

As a result, much of the Malibu Maxx compares to higher price luxury sedans.

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MOTOR MATTERS

There it was at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Big and brash. Toyota's FTX full-size pickup truck concept, which Toyota executives say hints at the design and size of its new Tundra, which begins production in 2006.

It was yet another sign that the Japanese automakers are jumping grille-first into the profitable full-size pickup truck segment, which has been dominated by Ford and its pickup "partners," Chevrolet and Dodge.

Then, there were mainly, fighting words. "Make no mistake about it. We are on a serious mission to build big-truck market share," said Jim Press, Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc. executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Toyota is not alone. Last year Nissan introduced its full-size pickup, the 2004 Titan. The name alone signaled Nissan's intentions to take on the likes of the Ford F-150, Dodge Ram and Chevrolet Silverado.

But so far there has been more talk than sales. Last year in the U.S. more than 2.3 million full-size pickup trucks were sold. Almost 96 percent

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Down the Road

of them have been sold by Ford, General Motors and DaimlerChrysler.

The other four percent were sold by Nissan and Toyota, but they are clearly not going to settle for that.

The Japanese move into the full-size pickup market didn't happen overnight and isn't a surprise. Toyota was first, coming out with the T100 in 1993 for customers who wanted something larger than the compact Tacoma. But the T100 wasn't quite big enough to tackle the Americans, so, in June of 1999, Toyota introduced its Tundra full-size, V8-powered pickup truck.

Last fall, Toyota literally upped the ante and introduced a Tundra Double Cab, with significantly more room for rear passengers.

Perhaps learning from Toyota's experience, Nissan got the Titan's size right for the American market from the get-go. And that size is big.

The Japanese are interested in selling more large trucks because they are profitable, said James N. Hall, vice president for industry

analysis at AutoPacific, an automotive research firm in Southfield, Mich.

Hall contends that plenty of families who garage their Toyota Camrys or Nissan Maximas next to an American full-size pickup truck would seriously consider a Japanese model.

Honda has also gotten interested in pickups but has taken a different approach. In Detroit it showed a Honda SUT concept and said a production version would go on sale in 2005.

But while Nissan and Toyota have favored traditional body-on-frame construction, the Honda SUT will be car-based, with a unibody. It will combine a sport utility-like large cabin with a shorter bed than a traditional pickup truck, much like Ford's Explorer Sport Trac.

Honda executives say they are going after pickup buyers who want car-like ride and handling. In Hall's opinion, Honda has decided not to tackle the full-size American pickups because it has neither a body-on-frame platform nor the requisite V8 engine. "They are going their own way and . . . they'll be fine," he said.

Despite the new challenges, the



**TOYOTA GOES AFTER** a share of the big-truck market with its FTX full-size pickup concept at Detroit auto show.

domestics should continue to easily outsell the troublesome newcomers. Last year, Ford sold about 821,000 F-Series pickups.

Second was Silverado, with sales of about 684,000. The domestics can "grossly outbuild" the Japanese, Hall said.

And that will continue to be the case despite the Japanese automakers' major investment in truck plants in the U.S.

Nissan added a \$1.43 billion plant in Canton, Miss., which started operating in May 2003, to build its full-size trucks and sport utility vehicles. When at full production, it can build 400,000 vehicles. But those won't all be Titans. Nissan plans to sell 100,000 Titans annually. That plant joins the Smyrna, Tenn., plant where its compact pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles are built.

Toyota currently builds approximately 100,000 Tundras in Princeton, Ind., plant, and is able to build 150,000 new \$800 million plant to open in mid-2006 in Brazil, deep in the heart of the country.

But, capacity issues. Japanese are clearly competing in the big-truck market. It is the thought of

## Cadillac STS replaces the Seville in luxury lineup, features rear-wheel drive

MOTOR MATTERS

General Motors' Cadillac division unveiled its latest luxury fashion at the New York International Auto Show with the STS.

On sale by year-end, the STS replaces the Seville, a classic name being dropped. The STS sports the new family design scheme used on recent Cadillacs.

The STS marks a number of milestones for GM and Cadillac: It becomes the eighth new Cadillac since 2001; it is the fourth Cadillac to be built on GM's global Sigma platform, also used for the CTS and SRX; it is Cadillac's first rear-drive sedan in 25 years; and it is the first rear-drive GM sedan to also offer all-wheel drive.

STS designer Kip Wasenko, who came up with Cadillac's edgy design scheme first unveiled on his Cadillac Evoq concept car, calls the STS his biggest challenge so far. He knew it had to share the

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She's Freewheeling

same general scheme and specific styling cues with other Cadillac models, but in a more refined, sophisticated manner.

In size, the STS is 196 inches long, 72.6 inches wide and 57.6 inches high, the largest of the Sigma family. The STS is shorter than the 201-inch long Seville, but its wheelbase, at 116 inches is nearly 4 inches longer.

Inside, the STS is intended to look more crafted. Techy-looking materials used on the CTS and SRX have been exchanged for a sprayed-on urethane dash covering made to look like animal skin. The base is trimmed in in-mold aluminum; the uplevel versions with medium or light toned eucalyptus wood trim on the steering wheel,

dash, console and shifter.

For the first time, Cadillac offers optional Tuscan two-tone leather in addition to the base Nuance leather.

Cadillac's goal for vehicle dynamics was to combine European-style sport handling with luxury ride and comfort, said Jim Federico, GM's chief engineer of prestige vehicles.

The STS will be offered in rear-drive only with a 255-horsepower 3.6-liter V6, a new engine with 252 pounds-foot of torque offered for the first time in the 2004 SRX and CTS. The 320-horsepower Northstar, rated at 315 pounds-foot of torque, is available in rear- or all-wheel drive.

Both the V6 and V8 engines are paired with five-speed automatic transmissions with manual shifting, but they are different transmissions. By comparison, the current Seville, which is only offered as the base



**CADILLAC'S NEW STS** is its first rear-wheel drive sedan in 25 years and is the first rear-drive to offer all-wheel drive.

SLS and not the uplevel STS this model year, has power ratings of 275 horsepower and 300 pounds-foot of torque. The 2003 STS, however, achieved 300 horsepower.

The new STS will be offered with a base suspension and uplevel suspension with Magnetic Ride Control, which acts as a real-time damping system. The STS also has StabiliTrak stability control and traction control. Adaptive Cruise Control keeps the car a safe distance from the one ahead in traffic congestion.

Other safety features include six airbags — front side airbags and side curtain airbags protecting front and rear seat passengers.

The STS comes with GM's On-

Star communications system. A new feature called IntelliBeam is offered. It turns high and low beams on and off as oncoming cars approach and pass.

The STS also can be ordered with a heads-up display like that in the XLR. Also borrowed from the XLR is its Easy Key System, which unlocks the doors when the person with the key is in close proximity. The car is started with a push button.

Borrowed from the Chevrolet Malibu is the remote start, which allows the car to be started from 200 feet away. The Cadillac adds the ability for the car to read the outdoor temperature and adjust the climate control, defroster and seats

— which are heated or cooled accordingly. Heated rear seats are offered.

Cadillac is playing up the audio system for the STS. The system is a surround sound with 15 speakers and that, in essence, creates a sound chamber for each passenger.

The STS can be outfitted with an infotainment system that has an 8-inch screen in the center console for navigation and for making when the car is in motion. The center console also has an aftermarket DVD player for passengers.

Bluetooth wireless communication and XM Radio are available



MOTOR MATTERS

**MINI FLASHERS** are tiny and powered by two alkaline coin-type cells. They feature a bright flashing light-emitting diode with a 10,000-hour lifespan, and the batteries will power the light for up to 130 hours. They can help guide RV into campsite parking area.

## How to make campsite parking easy

MOTOR MATTERS

It can be an RVer's most chilling nightmare: The need to back an RV into a campsite parking spot.

If it's dark the situation is almost untenable for some drivers.

It doesn't have to be a bad thing, of course, and a few tools and procedures can be used to make the job painless and almost fun.

There is probably no other RVing situation that has caused more family grief than backing up an RV, especially when it's a tow rig and trailer. That's not necessarily so any more.

First, it helps to practice at backing the trailer. Do so by day, in a large clear parking area, when there's no pressure to perform — as in a campground situation with other traffic waiting to get by.

For some drivers, pressure also comes from having the camping neighbors observe the parking progress.

Some RVing handbooks, such as those available from The Affinity Group at [www.rv.net](http://www.rv.net) or 800-489-2361, include sections on backing and maneuvering an RV.

Those guides can be a big help for someone who's learning.

The trailer acts opposite the direction the steering wheel is turned, so start by placing your hand at the bottom of the wheel. That gets the trailer headed in the right direction. From there on, it's all practice.

The next step you take is to have a helper with a two-way radio to guide you back. This process makes you look like you really know what you're doing.

Simple FMRS radios are available for less than \$35 per pair, and can save your marriage, to say nothing of money spent on expensive damage repair.

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First, park the rig and walk back to examine the parking spot. Look for low hanging branches, short fenceposts that are below mirror eye line, close-in tree trunks or other things that leap out and grab the fragile bodywork on an RV.

Discuss any obstructions with the backup helper so you know what to avoid. Agree ahead of time how far back the rig should come, and what's the best stopping point when parking.

This initial walk-through will save you grief later.

Next, agree to a set of known instructions. For example, "More left" means the trailer has to come left more, not that it's too far left.

These instructions are far more civilized than waving arms, pointing (which the driver can't see anyway) and screaming all over the campground. This is really appreciated by your neighbors during campground quiet hours.

While backing, the helper should stay in radio contact so the driver knows he or she is on the job. Keep up a stream of chatter, as in "Doing well, keep coming back . . . just a few more feet . . . missing the limit just fine . . . no problems . . ." and so on.

There is another tack on the ease-of-backing angle that has worked well for me in the past. Back then, I carried a handful of small penlight-style flashlights in my camping gearbox.

When I had to back into a campsite after dark, and I was alone, I'd use the penlights as "runway lights" of sorts.

I'd set the lights down on the driver's side of the campsite parking spot facing me, in the tow rig, spaced out so they were arranged from the road access point to the back of the site.

Those penlights served as beacons, and as long as I kept them in sight while backing, I knew I was on the right track.

The light reflecting in the RV's shiny sidewall was reassuring while cautiously moving rearward.

A new light product has replaced those battery-hungry flashlights in my travel kit.

They're called Mini Flashers, and they're made by Pelican, the company responsible for superb, watertight and nearly-indestructible, camera and equipment cases.

The part No. 2130 Mini Flashers are tiny, weighing about 1/2 ounce each, and powered by two alkaline coin-type cells. They feature a bright flashing light-emitting diode with a 10,000-hour lifespan, and the batteries will power the light for up to 130 hours. That's a lot of campsite parking time.

The Mini Flashers are submersible, so rain won't harm them, and visible up to 1/2 mile away. They're also handy as safety flashers if you need to stop next to the road after dark.

I keep a half-dozen of these little lamps on hand, and laid down along the campsite road in place of the flashlights, they make a fine guide for those late-night arrivals.

Combined with the helper with the radio, campsite parking is painless and trouble-free.

For more information about the Mini Flashers, contact Pelican Cases, [www.pelican-cases-flashlights.com](http://www.pelican-cases-flashlights.com), or phone 800-882-4730.

## Dream Machines Show set Sunday

MIRAMAR EVENTS

**HALF MOON BAY, Calif.** — A remarkable exhibit of automobiles and motorcycles of every style and era headline an awe-inspiring showcase of driving, flying, and working machines at the Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Half Moon Bay Airport.

More than 2,000 motorized mechanical marvels running the gamut from classic cars, U.S. Army tanks, and antique motorcycles to restored military aircraft, model-T fire engines, and plodding steam tractors take center stage at this giant 14th annual show, which benefits the Coastside Adult Day Health Center in Half Moon Bay.

"From A to Z, we've got autophiles covered," said show organizer Bob Senz. "You'll see everything from Austin roadsters to Lincoln Zephyr coupes and everything in between."

The free-form nature of the show is one of its signature attractions. "For car lovers, the Dream Machines Show is a living history museum," said Senz.

Lynn James will be showing his rare 1931 American Austin roadster. James restored his American Austin by himself and will be featured on the Travel Channel's "Ultimate Car Show" in Pebble Beach this summer.

Bob Kendall, a member of the Petaluma Pacers since 1959, is



**BEAUTIFUL DRIVING** machines such as this custom Ford will be on display at the Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show Sunday at Half Moon Bay Airport.

proud to show the club's popular 1929 B-Gas Roadster which set a world record at 122.96 miles per hour in 1960 at the Half Moon Bay Drag Strip Championships.

Automobile enthusiasts will get a rare up-close look at motor vehicles from every era in the 20th and into the 21st century.

Antique, vintage and classic cars will represent the early days with horseless carriages and Ford Model Ts, among others, alongside the more fanciful touring and luxury cars like the Bentley, Packard and Rolls-Royce.

Flash and speed will be symbolized by an array of fabulous sports cars like the T-Bird, Jaguar,

Cobra, Triumph and Mustang. A strong field of custom rods will showcase their own and amazing detail work on muscle cars like the Chevelle, GTO and Camaro.

And an awesome collection of race cars will be displayed, including bone-chilling assault cars, funny cars, gas guzzlers firing up throughout the show.

Spectator admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 5-14 and free for kids age 4 and under. Tickets are available online only. Half Moon Bay is located on Highway 1, near Highway 92.

## Don't let headrest become a pain in the neck

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You may be able to operate your car's fancy global-positioning system and reset the vehicle's clock when the time changes, but do you know how to adjust the headrest for optimum safety?

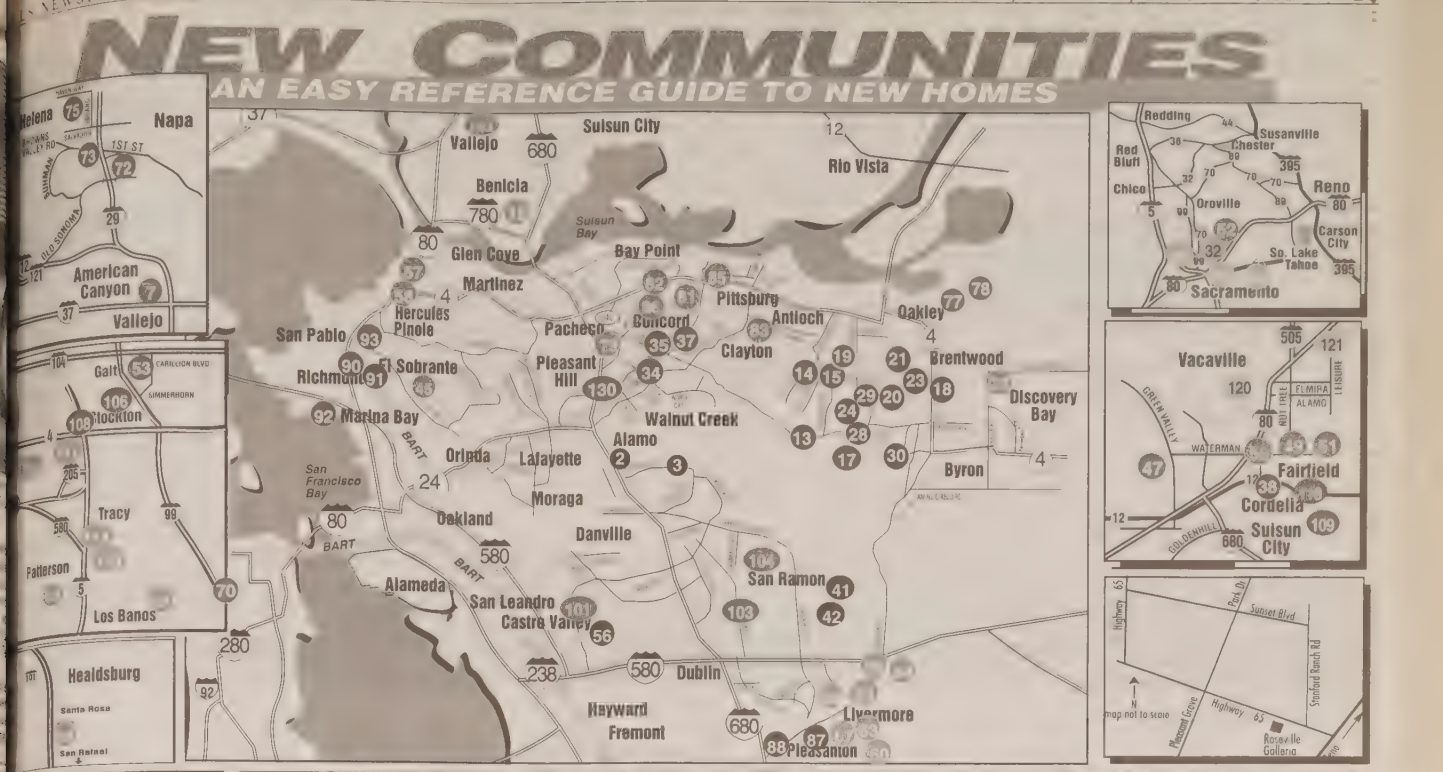
Probably not, according to the American Automobile Dealers Association, which notes that studies show that 90 percent of drivers have their headrests adjusted too low.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a headrest should be two inches or

less from the rear of your head, so that in the event of a crash, your head, not your neck,

For information on proper headrest adjustment or to learn more about your vehicle's headrest, visit [www.aada.org](http://www.aada.org).





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### Alameda triples its pleasure

By Scott Strain

It's not every day that the Alameda Athletics triple their pleasure by winning a game, adding a new player to the team and celebrating the team's 10th anniversary. On Tuesday, Feb. 21, the team did just that, winning a game, adding a new player to the team and celebrating the team's 10th anniversary.

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Section C

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### Alameda triples its pleasure

Hornets drill nine 3-pointers to outlast El Cerrito in an ACCAL matchup

By Scott Strain

Live by the '90 or die by the '30' — and Alameda lived. The Hornets (17-3, 3-0 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) drilled nine 3-point shots, including seven by sophomore guard Kayleigh Calandri, and went on to subdue El Cerrito 79-71 Thursday night at the Hornets' gym in Alameda.

The game snapped the Gauchos' 17-0 record and a half game behind the Hornets in the ACCAL. Alameda has three league games left. El Cerrito has two. The Gauchos still have to play Berkeley.

Alameda was coming off an

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exercising 51-66 loss to Berkeley on Tuesday and came out a bit ragged against El Cerrito, which it had defeated 57-51 in its last game on Jan. 17. The Gauchos, however, had advanced in the other half, defeating El Cerrito 60-41 on Tuesday, shutting out the Jets 19-0 in the first quarter.

"Personally I wanted it more because we lost to Berkeley," Calandri said. "I thought we were just as good as Berkeley, so I took that (loss) out here tonight."

With Calandri firing in four 3-pointers in the first half, the Hornets had a 38-17 lead at the half. Calandri had 10 points in the first half, including two 3-pointers. The game swung permanently away from El Cerrito in the first few moments of the third quarter.

After Nicole Catania stole the ball from Amara McGrew under the basket, the Alameda basket and scored for 11-0. The Gauchos scored the ball over immediately after that and Calandri, 6'0", another 3-point shot for 44-17. El Cerrito called timeout with 7:05 left in the period and already had lost the ball over four times.

The visitors never got back into it. Alameda extended the lead to 60-49 with eight seconds left in the third quarter, and the Gauchos, their morale game evaporating, were forced to go to the perimeter to get back into the game.

"I thought it was our battle on defense," Calandri said about the effort against El Cerrito. "If (the defense) wasn't there against us, we wouldn't have won. We didn't do that tonight."

The key to Calandri's success was ball movement. The Gauchos

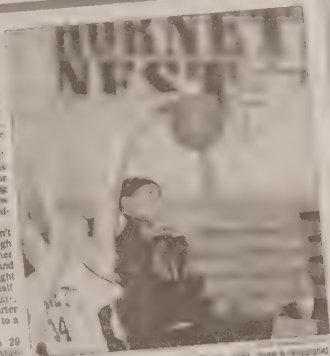
simply didn't get around the perimeter fast enough to challenge her. When she got the ball, she was open. She had the time to plant, shoot and shoot.

"I was just about everything," Calandri said. "That's a lot of serious, true substance, pattern, repetition and hard work. Those five free throws in the third quarter didn't help either."

And when Calandri couldn't do it, she had more than enough help. Catania scored six of her 10 points in the third quarter and Christina Pernicone had all eight of her points in the second half.

Kuman Willis had 14 points, including six in the first quarter, when the two teams battled to a 19-19 tie.

Calandri finished with 29 points, 10 of them in the second half. She had 23 points in the first half and 11 in the second. El Cerrito and Jordan McCormick had 14.



EL CERRITO HIGHS 4-pointer McGrew held close to basket over Alameda's Catania. Photo by Scott Strain, ACCAL game.

#### ACCAL NOTEBOOK

### Oilers set for NCS opener

By Orlando Molina

After a heart-pounding week to end the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League season, league champion Richmond High School is gearing up to face its first opponent tomorrow in the second round of North Coast Section (NCS) play.

At the start of the week, the Oilers (10-2) were after the



### Canceled games hurt Salesian

By Scott Strain

The Salesian High School basketball team had two Bay Area Athletic League matches canceled due to "weather" and "other" reasons. The team is now looking for a replacement game.

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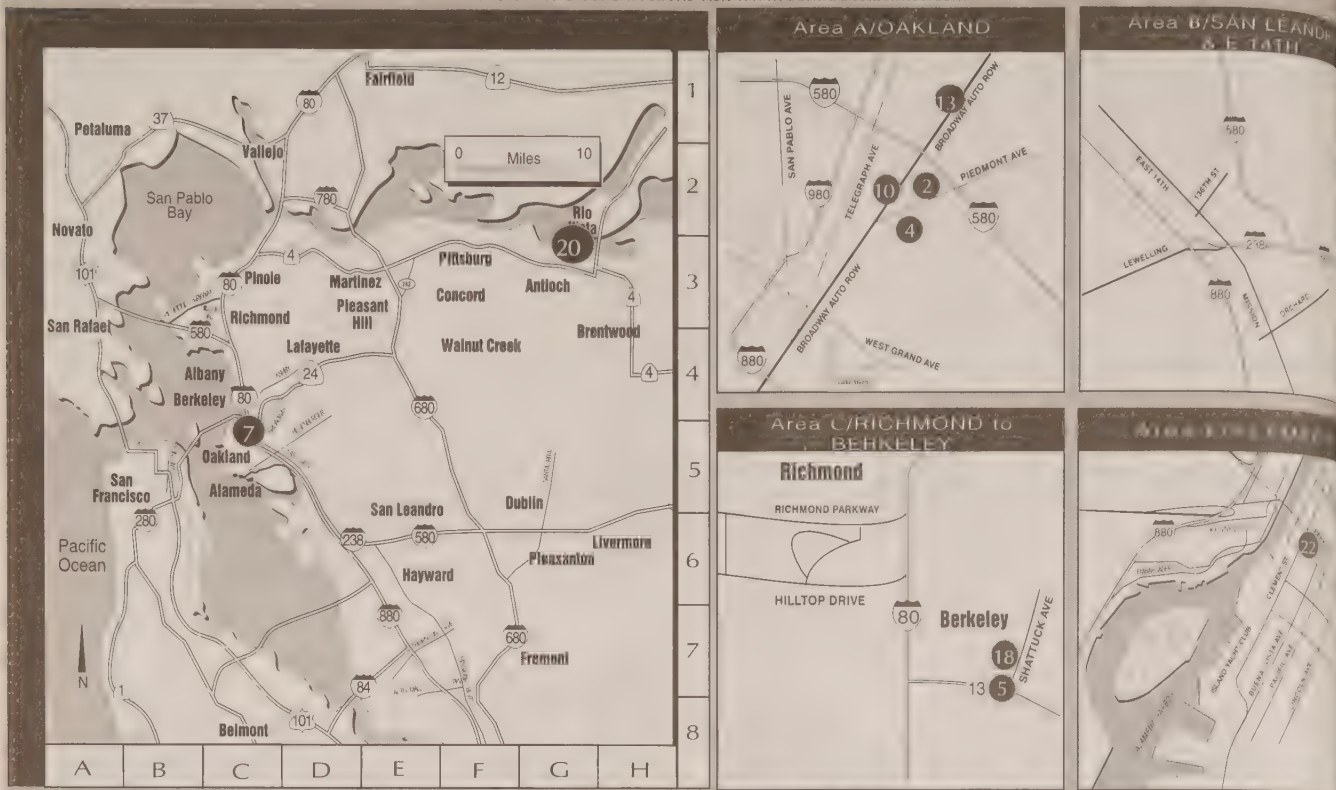






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1/2 cup thinly sliced green onion  
1/2 cup diced sweet red pepper (optional)

1 cup thinly sliced mushrooms or yellow squash (optional)  
1 cup frozen Southern-style hash brown potatoes or diced, prebaked red potatoes (optional)  
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In large mixing bowl, combine eggs, milk or water, cheese, salt and pepper; set aside. Heat olive oil or butter in large skillet; sauté onions and any optional vegetables desired until vegetables are tender.

Add vegetables and sausage to egg mixture; stir well. Place 12 foil baking cups into cupcake pan. Distribute sausage and egg mixture evenly into baking cups. Bake 22 minutes or until eggs are set. Remove from oven. Sprinkle with Parmesan if desired. Makes 12 cupcake-size servings.

## BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

1 package Regular Flavor Jimmy Dean Pork Sausage  
10 eggs, lightly beaten  
3 cups milk  
2 teaspoons dry mustard  
1 teaspoon salt  
6 cups cubed bread  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
8 ounces (2 cups) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms (op-

tional)

1 medium tomato, seeded and chopped (optional)  
1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions (optional)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In large skillet, cook sausage over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until thoroughly cooked and no longer pink.

In large mixing bowl, combine eggs, milk, mustard and salt; stir well. Distribute half the bread evenly in buttered 9- x 13- x 2-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with half the pepper, half the cheese, half the sausage and half of each optional ingredient. Repeat layering, using remaining bread, pepper, cheese, sausage and optional ingredients.

Pour egg mixture evenly over casserole. Bake uncovered 55 to 60 minutes, or until eggs are set. Tent with foil if top begins to brown too quickly. Makes 6 servings.

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## SAUSAGE PESTO TORTE

1 package Regular Flavor Jimmy Dean Pork Sausage, cooked, crumbled and drained  
1 refrigerated pie crust  
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1/2 cup sour cream  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
4 eggs  
3/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained well and finely chopped

1/2 cup prepared basil pesto  
Thin tomato wedges or roasted red pepper strips (optional)

Fresh basil or Italian parsley leaves (optional)  
Lightly grease bottom and sides of 9-inch springform pan. If using a silver pan, preheat oven to 325 degrees. If using a dark nonstick pan, preheat to 300 degrees.

Insert rim of pan; press crust gently onto bottom of pan and trim edges to fit. Bake crust 5 minutes; set aside to cool.

Mix cream cheese, sour cream and salt with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each addition until just blended. In separate bowl, combine cooked sausage and sun-dried tomatoes with 2 cups of cheese mixture; stir well. Spread sausage mixture evenly over crust;



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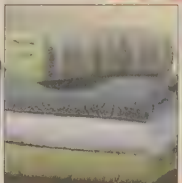
top with remaining cheese mixture. Spoon rounded teaspoons of pesto randomly over batter. Cut through pesto and surface of batter with a knife, using a swirling motion for a marbled effect.

Bake on middle oven rack at 400 degrees 10 minutes; reduce heat to 200 degrees and bake 55 to 60 minutes longer, or until center is just set. Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing rim of pan from cake; run knife or metal spatula between cake and rim of pan to loosen.

Cool another 30 minutes before slicing or refrigerate immediately up to one day in advance of serving time. (To reheat torte, cover loosely with foil; bake in preheated 350-degree oven 25 minutes.) Garnish with tomato wedges or roasted red pepper strips and fresh herbs if desired. Serve warm within 2 hours. Makes 16 servings.

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# Scrapbooking is a billion-dollar industry and a creative quest to tell a story

BY PATRICK T. REARDON  
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Tracy White tells this story:

"Back in the first part of '97, a friend and I went up to Montana, and we stopped in an antique shop. I distinctly remember coming across a box of old photos for a nickel each. I picked one up, and it struck me that here was this picture of a woman who lived and died, and I knew nothing about her."

"I think about her a lot. I don't want to be that woman in a box, nameless. I don't want to be sold for a nickel."

White is editor-in-chief of the Utah-based Creating Keepsakes magazine, in print for seven years, which makes it one of the oldest scrapbooking periodicals in the nation. She has been making scrapbooks for nearly two decades, from back when she was in high school. Most of her half-million readers, though, are much newer to the experience.

The act of scrapbooking seems simple and straightforward: It preserves the past through photos and

other memorabilia, using modern acid-free, lignin-free papers that are less likely to fade or deteriorate than old-style materials.

But scrapbooking isn't just another hobby. For many women — the vast majority of scrapbookers are female — creating a scrapbook is an act of artistic expression in an era when such opportunities have dwindled or disappeared at home and in the workplace.

A scrapbook is an individual's own work of art. But it's also one that, most often, is fashioned during "crops," modern throwbacks to quilting bees at which women sit around tables together to work on their pages, talk and build friendships.

The scrapbooks they create are antidotes to the chaotic fragmentation of everyday living. Here, on the pages, is the life story of a family or an individual — idealized, to be sure, but also, in a unique way, coherent, rational, attractive.

At an even deeper level, scrapbookers create their pages as an expression of themselves, as a

record of their own time on Earth, as a sort of autobiography.

"They're scrapbooking," White says, "because they want to connect, to reach out and touch someone, whether it's someone sitting next to them at the crop or someone 100 years from now they'll never meet. It's a way of saying, 'My life was worth something. I was here!'"

It's early afternoon on a Saturday, and four women from various corners of Lake County, Ill., converge on scrapbooking store A Page in Time.

Along the sidewalk, each woman pulls a suitcase-size carry-on-wheels, stuffed — in an organized manner, to be sure — with scissors, markers, papers, stickers, pens, glues, rulers, tapes, pencils, glitter and a wealth of other supplies, as well as the treasure of treasures, envelopes of family photographs.

In the back of the store, five long, cloth-covered tables are set up in a thin U shape. The four women find places, reach into their cases, pull out their albums and begin to create new pages.

Welcome to a crop.

"My job doesn't allow me to be creative," says 38-year-old Adina Boyer of Vernon Hills, Ill., as she arranges the elements of a page with a patriotic theme, all red, white and blue.

Boyer works in the human resources department of the North Chicago-based medical products giant Abbott Laboratories and spends much of her day in front of a computer screen. Her husband is a salesman. They have three boys, ranging in age from 2 to 8.

"Whether it's picking the color of the background or cropping the pictures — this allows me to be creative," she says. "As a working mom, I have a hard time keeping up with it all and feeling I'm a good mom. My children really love this, and I get a lot out of it."

Working next to Boyer is Noreen Biegalski, a 35-year-old home daycare provider whose husband is a biologist at Abbott Labs.

"It's like a blank canvas every time you start," she says of her book. "You can do so many different things: You can sew on your page. You can put down stickers."

"Everything's so speeded-up. This slows me down and makes me think about happy things: 'Oh, we went to Door County over the summer.'"

Biegalski is looking down at the page on which she's working. It has photos of her 1-year-old



ADINA BOYER, FROM VERNON HILLS, Ill., looks for material for her scrapbook at A Page in Time in Libertyville, Ill.

daughter, Megan, eating an ice-cream cone, rather sloppily. This page is for Biegalski's third Megan album. For her 7-year-old son, Robby, she's on her eighth. "I'm usually a year behind," she says.

On the other side of the U, Michele Smith knows the feeling.

She's only up to last June in the scrapbooks she has made for her 23-year-old daughter, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., a recent bride and now in training to be a Navy pilot. The albums for her 21-year-old son, a junior at Boston College, are complete only through last spring. And the set she has started of her own childhood — well, she's only up to 1954, when she was 3.

"When my daughter got engaged, her fiancé was looking through the scrapbooks to see her growing up," says Smith who lives in Waukegan. "Eventually, grandchildren will look at them."

A former paralegal married to an attorney, Smith got into the hobby in 1994 after attending a home scrapbooking party sponsored by Creative Memories, a 17-year-old direct-sales firm headquartered in St. Cloud, Minn. A Creative Memories party was the entree as well for Boyer, Biegalski and the fourth woman sitting at the tables, Maggie Workman.

Wearing a long-sleeve Ohio State T-shirt, Workman is laying out photos of a daughter's music recital.

"The documentation is important to me," says the 34-year-old Workman, who lives in Waukegan.

"I'm not as much of an artist as these guys."

"You hold your own, Maggie!" Biegalski pipes up from across the U.

"I'm a scientist," Workman says with a shrug.

A Ph.D. in environmental science, Workman is an instructor at DePaul University in Chicago. Her husband is a biochemist at Abbott Labs, and they have 8-year-old and 12-year-old daughters.

The family lives about seven miles away in Waukegan.

"I try to come here once a month. It's the only time I scrapbook. I don't do it at home," Workman says. "There's the quilting bee aspect (to the crop). We talk a lot."

Motioning to the scrapbookers around the U, Workman says, "You know everything about them — from the pictures."

It's no news that modern housework is still primarily done by women. Or that it's much different from what it was a century ago.

The back-breaking strain of many tasks, of course, has been eliminated by the washing machine, the dryer and a host of other labor-saving devices. But, as handy as those machines have been, they've also served to lock women away from each other.

"There is much more housework for women today than in the past," says Ursula Delaware historian Susan Strasser, author of the 1982 book "The Way We've Lived: A History of American Work" (Owl Books, \$61.95).

"At one time, women were washing together on a river or at the well. And the first wringer washing machine it was outside on the porch. It moved inside, and housework came much more isolated. Women stopped hanging laundry to dry in the back yard, chatting as they worked. It came much more isolated."

Scrapbooking at crops down that isolation. And that: The process of the blank scrapbook page is a record of the past that has been lost by modern housewives over the years because of the industrialization of the home — what Strasser calls "craft satisfaction."

One of the compensations for the drudgery of housework, Strasser notes, used to be the opportunity to be creative — your family's clothing, to your family's meals.

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NOREEN BIEGALSKI, FROM LINDENHURST, Ill., is busy putting new pages in her scrapbook at A Page in Time in Libertyville, Ill.

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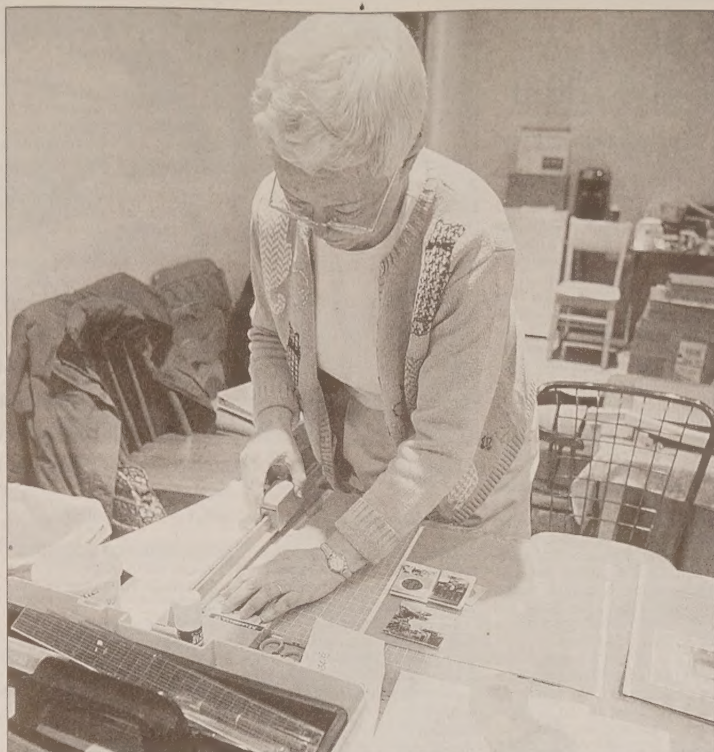
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# Scrapbooking

though, clothes come  
and meals? Well,  
and there are frozen  
pre-packaged lunches,  
water meals.  
people who love to cook  
of satisfaction out of it  
a week," Strasser  
were very few of us who  
cooking every day."  
provides that miss-  
outlet, says Georgie  
owner of A Page In Time  
many women who  
that inspired. "Some  
never thought they had  
ability at all — with all  
available, all the doo-  
hard to be creative in  
the says.  
Janille C. Lindquist in-  
censes of scrapbookers  
research at Indiana Uni-  
Washington, and most  
ward they weren't cre-  
ated, she recalls, they  
of their books, proud  
worked.  
Historians have written  
ing as a task is always  
and you never have a  
show for it," says  
who obtained her masters  
UI and is planning to  
dissertation on scrap-  
bookers are actually  
what women do every-  
it's very ephemeral."  
a darker side to this,



MICHELE SMITH, FROM WAUKEGAN, Ill., works on her scrapbook at A Page In Time in Libertyville, Ill.

Northwestern University commu-  
nication studies professor Thomas  
B. Farrell and co-author Tamar Ka-  
riel described the typical scrap-  
book as "a condensed life review  
of what is worth remembering."  
It's also, they wrote, "a response  
of the heightened sense of frag-  
mentation" of modern life.  
"There's a search for coherence  
going on among people. That was  
true in '91, and it's true now more  
than ever," says Farrell in an in-  
terview. "You've got the sense that  
anything can fall apart at any time."  
A scrapbook, he says, is a way  
of bringing focus and unity to a typ-  
ically scattershot modern existence.  
Yet, given all that scrapbooks em-  
body — as representations of a fam-

ily's or an individual's history, as out-  
lets for creative expression, as au-  
tobiographic statements of their cre-  
ators — it's intensely odd that few  
scrapbookers sign their works.  
"Something that we recommend  
people doing," says Tracy White at  
Creating Keepsakes magazine, "is,  
at the very beginning and/or the end  
of an album, to write a dedication  
page, saying who I am and the pur-  
pose or goal of this album."  
Few, however, follow that advice.

And no one's sure why. Perhaps  
there's a sense that, well, everyone  
in the family knows who has made  
the scrapbook. Or maybe there's a  
feeling that signing a work is for  
"real" artists.  
Not for Georgie Carneal, the  
scrapbook store owner. She says  
she is mystified by such reluctance.  
"Me, personally, I sign my  
books," Carneal says. "It's a piece  
of me. It's a piece of my legacy —  
going somewhere."

## Scrapbooking not just a little hobby anymore

BY PATRICK T. REARDON  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

There's a booming interest  
among scrapbookers in technol-  
ogies they can use in their craft.  
Long Beach, Calif.-based Epson  
America Inc., maker of computer  
printers, scanners, paper and the  
like, is a company that caught on.  
It all started, says Barbara Kot-  
sos, senior manager, scrapbook-  
ing solutions, with a rash of ques-  
tions about Epson products she  
began receiving about four years  
ago from the editors of scrap-  
booking magazines. She soon re-  
cognized the hobby as a virtually  
untapped market.

Since then, the company's  
catalog has expanded to include  
products marketed specifically  
for the hobbyists, such as scan-  
ners that fit the 12-inch-by-12-  
inch size of a typical scrapbook  
page. Kotsos says the company  
also offers archival paper of the  
same size that, when used with  
Epson ink and stored in an al-  
bum, won't discolor or fade for  
at least two centuries.

While Kotsos declines to dis-  
cuss sales, she says her company  
sees no end in sight to the growth  
of the scrapbooking market. In  
2000, Kotsos was the only Epson  
employee specializing in the ac-  
tivity. Now, there is a staff of seven,

including five trainers who attend  
dozens of events during the year  
to teach scrapbookers techniques  
using Epson materials.

Some scrapbookers, Kotsos  
says, use the company's scan-  
ners to make digital copies of  
their pages to share with friends,  
submit to contests or store for  
safekeeping "in case there's a  
fire or something."

Some copy intricately de-  
signed pages for multiple re-  
cipients, such as the brides-  
maids of a wedding. In fact,  
Kotsos brags that the scanners  
work so well at capturing the  
look of three-dimensional ob-  
jects on the page that, at scrap-  
booking conventions, she often  
displays an original and a copy  
next to each other.

"You have to feel it with your  
finger to see what is the original  
and what is the copy," she says.

Even if they are not digitizing  
everything, many scrapbookers  
use scanners and printers to cre-  
ate portions of their pages, such  
as writing captions, or, say, an ac-  
count of a vacation.

Indeed, Kotsos says, a recent  
survey by the Better Homes and  
Gardens Scrapbooks magazine  
found that "almost all scrapbook-  
ers use computers and printers for  
their scrapbooking projects."

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# Home bun! Great hot dogs need winning wraps to complete the meal

BY ED MURRIETA  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Quick — name your favorite hot dog. A skinless, nitrite-free, 100 percent, grass-fed kosher beef dog? Now name your favorite hot dog bun. Come on, name it. Take another minute. Dog got your tongue? Thought so.

Now that hot dog season's in full swing, hungry sports fans' fancies turn to the quintessential American sausage sandwich. About 26 million are eaten at Major League baseball stadiums each year, according to the National Hot Dog & Sausage Council, not counting Polish sausage, kielbasa, bratwurst or other "specialties," such as veggie dogs.

While frankfurters get the glory, buns get bupkis. Billy Martin famously branded Reggie Jackson a hot dog, but no one — not even doughy sluggers such as Babe Ruth — has ever been called a bun.

Since the hot dog's creation, buns have been an afterthought. Whether steamed, boiled or grilled, most weenies — from designer dogs to hooves-and-snouts franks — are wrapped in white bread that turns to mush underneath ketchup, mustard, relish and sauerkraut.

"The bun itself is kind of a thing that never really does cross your mind," said sportswriter Tom Zulweski, who's eaten his way across the American League. "I've never expected much as far as relying on the bun. But as long as the bun wasn't really awful, to me it's OK."

For the prices we pay at the stadiums for hot dogs, however, we deserve major league buns. Here in the Bay Area — food-obsessed home of sourdough and artisan bread revivals — OK isn't good enough.

"It always amazes me that some places sell cheap bread," said John Vratos, a national accounts manager with Colombo Baking Co. in Oakland, Calif., which supplies hot

dog buns to the Oakland A's and the San Francisco Giants. "Bread, as far as the percent cost, is the lowest-cost item (to make). It's pennies. But (some vendors) want the cheapest bread."

Vratos recalls a bummer of a bun in Milwaukee. "It was terrible," he said. "I tried to load up condiments on it. It was dripping all over me. It was just a white-bread phony roll."

Vratos said Colombo's standard hot dog bun is different. Rather than being made from a simple white bread recipe, Colombo's buns are made from a French formula. They're given a long fermentation and baked directly on a hearth plate oven. The result is a bun with more complex flavor and a firm crust that absorbs condiments and meat juices.

"The bread is just as important to us as the hot dog," said Michael Holbrook, general manager of the Oakland Coliseum, where half a million Colombo-wrapped hot dogs were consumed last baseball season. "We use a high-end hot dog. To go with that, we want a high-end, quality bread. This isn't the 10-cent value pack off the bottom shelf of the store."

The first baseball hot dog — just a weenie, no bun — was sold in St. Louis in 1893. Nailing down who put the first sausage in a bun is as contentious as the Giants-Dodgers rivalry. Chicago hot dog historian Bruce Kraig says Germans have historically eaten sausages with bread. One theory credits a Bavarian concessionaire at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis with introducing sausage-in-a-bun to Americans. To protect his patrons from his piping hot sausages, he loaned them white cotton gloves, most of which weren't returned. Legend has it he turned to his brother-in-law baker for help.

A Coney Island hot dog vendor

is credited with the idea of a warm bun. With a few exceptions — like the Seattle Mariner's whole wheat bun — hot dog buns stick to a traditional formula: some form of milk or egg bread split on one side. Traditionalists will argue that a hot dog bun should be bare, but sesame or poppy seeds are common.

The Texas Rangers, the New York Yankees and the Cleveland Indians all have bakeries in their stadiums, but none bake their own hot dog buns. The Cincinnati Reds are one of the more bread-savvy teams in baseball and proof of what a good bun can do for a hot dog. After the 1996 season, the Reds' concessionaire went looking for a better bun. A local bakery was chosen to make a seedless egg bun exclusively for the team. It paid off big time. After seasons of suffering through former owner Marge Schott's demands that the stadium sell a \$1 dog — which, of course, tasted like a \$1 dog — the Reds' hot dogs were ranked the best in baseball by USA Today.

"They wanted a bun that held up in their steam table, that didn't get soggy so that it was as if it came right out of the oven — warm, moist and very palatable," said Art Grzelecki, vice president of marketing at Klosterman Baking Company, which supplies the Reds — and no other team in Major League baseball — with about 1 million buns a year.

The Boston Red Sox's Fenway Frank is the only dog served on a regional variation — the New England-style bun. More like mini loaves of bread, New England-style buns are baked in individual pans. The sides remain flat while the tops develop a mushroom dome. Rather than being split on one side like a regular hot dog bun, New England-style buns are split down the top. The buns are brushed with butter



DIFFERENT KINDS OF HOT DOG BUNS are struck with a baseball bat in Walnut Creek. (DAN ROSEN/STAFF PHOTO)

and grilled on each side before the weenie is nestled inside.

Vratos, the Colombo executive, recalls eating Fenway Franks on New England-style buns during his youth in Boston. "My brother used to sell them," Vratos said. "Everybody who sold them had a line. His was. 'A loaf of bread and a pound of meat all for six bits.' I wish we made something like this. This thing was soft. It had that crispy grill on the side. It was perfect."

For tailgaters — or those of us who prefer to smuggle their own hot dogs into the stadium — mass-produced commercial hot dog buns can be a disappointment, especially if your favorite frank is jumbo-sized. (And let's not even get into math discrepancies: 10 dogs per pack, 8 buns per pack.) To accommodate a quarter-pound weenie wonder from Schwarzs Sausage in San Francisco, I was faced with making my own, or stuffing the dog into a loaf of French bread. I chose the former. The included recipe makes about one dozen 6-inch buns. Feel free to make them big enough to

hold your favorite weenie.

## HOMEMADE HOT DOG BUNS\*

- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 package (1/4 ounce) dry active yeast
- 1 cup milk
- 2 ounces (4 tablespoons) cold butter
- 1 egg, beaten
- 4-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt

Place 1/2 cup warm water in a large mixing bowl. Sprinkle yeast over water. Stir and let stand 5 minutes. Scald milk and butter until butter is melted. Add to yeast mixture. Add beaten egg.

Combine flour, sugar and salt. Add 2 cups to the liquid mixture and stir with a spatula or wooden spoon. Add remaining dry ingredients, 1/2 cup at a time, until

dough comes together. Transfer to a lightly floured surface and knead by hand for 10 minutes, until the dough is elastic. Place in a greased bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and let rise in a warm place for 1 hour, or until doubled.

To make 1 dozen buns, divide the dough into 12 equal portions, approximately 3 ounces each. Roll each portion into a ball and roll the ball out to about 6-8 inches long. Roll the ropes of dough on a lightly greased ball of wire rack. Bake in a preheated oven 15-20 minutes, until lightly golden. Cool on a wire rack. Split each side. Makes 12 buns.

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At this time, many of Eng- worked as servants for As most jobs were lo- from their homes, the ser- in the houses of their em- Mothering Sunday, the day off and were to return home to spend with their mothers. A special the mothering cake, was along to provide a fes-

As Christianity spread throu- out Europe, the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" — the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time, the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their moth- ers as well as the church.

In the United States, Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic") as a day dedicated to peace. Howe organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston every year.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis, of Philadel- phia, campaigned to establish a na- tional Mother's Day. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia, to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the second Sunday of May. By the next year, Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadel- phia.

Jarvis and her supporters wrote to ministers, businessmen and politi-

cians in their quest to establish a na- tional Mother's Day. It was success- ful, and by 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement pro- claiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the second Sunday of May. While many countries celebrate their own Mother's Days at different times throughout the year, some countries, like Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia and Belgium, also celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May.

This year, Mother's Day will be celebrated on May 9.

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## Decorative concrete treatments let homeowners' creativity surface

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Concrete — it's practical, sturdy and has been used in the construction of buildings since the early Roman times. However, let's face it — few of us would argue that most concrete patios, driveways, walkways and garage floors are attractive.

In fact, more than likely, they're drab, dull, even boring. But, as many homeowners and do-it-yourselfers are discovering, through the use of decorative finishing concrete treatments, those gray, cold outdoor slabs can take on a unique, stylish look that reflects homeowners' particular tastes.

### Why decorative concrete treatments?

Decorative concrete treatments, such as staining and stenciling, have gained in popularity during the past few years, although the idea of decorative concrete is not new. Concrete stamping tools have been around since the early 1950s and concrete coloring has been in existence even longer.

However, the selection of finishes, colors and textures have grown, offering homeowners more options when choosing to add a little oomph to their outdoor décor.

According to Pete Donati, product manager for H&C Stain, a leading manufacturer of concrete care products, the desire for concrete décor among homeowners is an extension of their interior design-sense. "Consumers want the ability to express their own style, not just inside their homes, but on the exterior, as well. Concrete décor is emerging as a newly discovered form of easy-to-complete landscape design that allows homeowners to 'dress-up' something as mundane as a bare concrete driveway."

Donati goes on to say that in addition to adding beauty to a home's exterior, decorative concrete allows homeowners to create vibrant colors and intricate designs at half the cost of installing real stone or other natural materials.

"Rather than spending thousands of dollars on replacing concrete walkways, patios or driveways, at a cost of approximately \$6 a square foot, the same beautiful effect can easily be accomplished by using decorative techniques on existing concrete."

### Do-it-yourself friendly decorative concrete treatments

The majority of decorative techniques involve changing either the

color or pattern of a concrete surface, or both. The most common treatments make concrete appear more like expensive material such as tile, cobblestone, brick and key-stone. These illusions can be accomplished through a number of applications. The following are two of the easiest and most popular D-it-yourself treatments:

#### ■ Staining

If you're looking to add some pizzazz to your dreary driveway, patio or garage floor, or cover up some unsightly oil stains, staining will serve to change the color or look of your concrete, as well as add lasting protection against the outdoor elements. In several simple steps, you can transform an outdoor concrete surface into a colorful creation.

In most cases, you'll begin by cleaning the area with a concrete de-greaser to help alleviate oil and grease spots. After rinsing off the de-greaser, you should apply an etch cleaner.

This step should make the surface feel like 120 grit sandpaper and allow the stain to easily soak into the concrete. After waiting for 24 hours, you can apply the first coat of stain with a brush or roller.

A second coat can usually be added after the first coat of stain dries for at least another 12 hours.

Today, concrete stains span the color spectrum. They're offered in colors ranging from traditional browns and grays to racy reds, greens and even hues of purple.

#### ■ Stenciling

If you want to take staining one step further, stenciling is the simplest way to place brick or stone

patterns on a concrete surface. Stencil templates can be purchased in rolls of water-resistant plastic. The "stone" pattern is created by rolling the template out on the concrete and applying a spray base color through the stencil, much like the staining procedure.

Stencils come in a variety of patterns, including cobblestone, herringbone, hexagon tile and natural stone. Cost varies by pattern, but Donati adds that in addition to the staining costs, most stencil systems cost between approximately twenty to twenty five cents per square foot.

### Helpful decorative concrete treatment tips

Although decorative concrete projects are very DIY friendly, if you're thinking about incorporating color or patterns into an upcoming concrete project, there are some tips that will help you successfully accomplish your goal.

First, know that no colored slab will perfectly match any color chart. Expect some slight variations in coloring, even when working with newly poured concrete.

If you are working with new concrete, be sure to let it cure for 30-45 days before attempting to stencil or stain the surface. Once completed, your new concrete creation will require some maintenance to keep it looking its very best.

Continued weathering can make concrete colors appear faded, so make sure you re-seal your colored or stenciled concrete every two to five years after the initial application.

Following these tips will help to ensure you can enjoy your concrete artwork for years to come!



AS MANY HOMEOWNERS and do-it-yourselfers are discovering, through the use of decorative finishing concrete treatments, those gray, cold outdoor slabs can take on a unique, stylish look that reflects homeowners' particular tastes. Above — simple stain and stencil projects help beat the concrete blahs.

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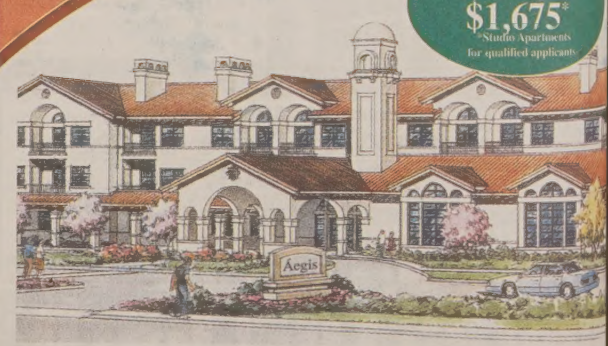
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